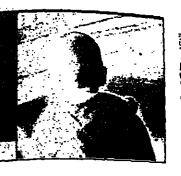


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Political assassins and bombers would have hit London today

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The IRA were within hours of carrying out a devastating bombing campaign and political assassinations, police revealed yesterday after staging a series of raids in which one man was killed and weapons and explosives were seized,

The attacks involving two huge lorry-bombs and boobytrap car mines was foiled shortbefore the operation was due to go live, police believe. Ten tonnes of explosive was

seized during a series of dawn raids in which one terrorist suspect was shot dead and five other men were arrested.

Anti terrorist officers believe the IRA planned to launch a series of attacks, almost certainhy in London, that included two massive lorry-bombs similar to the Manchester and Docklands devices and smaller explosives aimed at politicians or public figures. Scotland Yard said they believed the bombings were probably planned for either yesterday or today. The finds appear to have dashed any hopes that the paramilitaries might be preparing to call a new ceasefire.

John Major, while declaring himself "absolutely delighted" by yesterday's operations, said it once again put a question mark over the paramilitaries commitment to the peace process. "It remains impossible to reconcile Sinn Fein's rhetoric for peace with the IRA's preparations for murder," he said.

Sources warned yesterday that the IRA could be expected to carry out a quick counterattack to prove they still had the power to hit targets on the British mainland.

Yesterday's breakthrough came in a series of 4am raids on three properties in London and one in Sussex. Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch retrieved 10 tons of home-made explosive, some of which was boxed and ready for priming, 2lbs of Semtex, two booby-trap bombs for fitting under cars, 13 timerpower units, three Kalashnikov rifles, two handguns and ammunition. Two lornes, which are believed to have come from Northern Ireland, and a number of cars were also recovered.



The dead suspect's blood stains Photo: Adrian Dennis

Most of the haul was from an industrial warehouse in

Hornsey Vale, north London. During a raid on a threestorey house in Hammersmith, west London, police shot a suspect who died later in hospital.

Local residents later described how armed police had approached the house shortly before dawn. Officers wearing flak-jackets and carrying ladders attempted to gain access to the building but became involved in a gun battle with two men inside the house. It is understood the property is a popular boarding house for Irish labourers working in London.

Mother-of-two Gulapshan Ali, 32, said she was awoken by screams and shouting. "It was 4.30am and there was an awful banging and screaming. I heard the sound of breaking glass and then I heard what I knew

were gunshots. "My husband looked out of the window and saw about a dozen special policemen wear-

ing bullet-proof jackets. They were in position crouching behind trees and cars surrounding the house as others seemed to be trying to break into the basement and used ladders to get in. One was shouting 'throw down your weapon we are the police'. "There were about eight or a real peace process."

10 armed policemen at this time. Then there was shooting which lasted for about 10 seconds. Then we heard one policeman say 'I don't think he has

got a chance'," she added. Roads around the house were yesterday scaled off as forensic science experts began searches inside.

A trail of blood could be seen leading from the end terraced house across the tiled hallway of the lobby area and down the four steps. A huge smear of blood stretched down the path about three yards as if someone had been dragged or fallen.

It is understood that the dead suspect may have been a 'sleeper", a man of Irish extraction who had lived in Britain for several years, blending into the community over a long period to avoid arousing suspicion.

The Police Complaints Authority will supervise an investigation into his death.

Other men were arrested by armed officers in house in Fulham, south-west London. One man, who was later identified as an engineer working at Gatwick, was detained in Craw-

The five suspects arrested are understood to have lived in Britain for a number of years, but come from Ireland.

David Veness, Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police said yesterday that the home-made explosives were virtually "ready for use" and would probably have been used as large vehicle-bombs, such as the one which injured 200 people in Manchester in June and the one which killed two people in London's Dock-lands in February. Up to 10 police forces are

thought to have been involved in tracking suspects during a surveillance operation lasting about three weeks. A house and an industrial unit in Sheffield were also searched yesterday

but nothing was found.
Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, said yesterday that he regretted somebody had been killed in the police raids and added that he presumed the IRA had been involved.He added: "It should be an incentive to political leaders, particularly the Governments to build



Huge blow to republican morale

DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland correspondent

The swoops in England have dealt a shattering double blow to the republican movement, undermining the IRA's capacity to inflict destruction in England while ruining Sinn Fein's

chances of entry into talks. The IRA will try to stage other attacks to make the point that it can still cause damage in Britain. But most immediately it must face the fact that the security services finally look to have the upper hand, and that the IRA's prized "England de-partment" seems chronically

is one of the worst setbacks ever suffered in Britain by the terrorists. The setback is all the more severe because Britain is the central focus of IRA activity: Belfast may have its beatings and occasional shootings, but not a single IRA bomb has gone off there since the ceasefire end-

The IRA had put its faith in the proposition that it could refrain from bombing in Northern Ireland and exert enough pressure on the Government through bombings in England alone. In reaching that conclu-

insecure. The blow to the IRA the fact that since 1988, when Fein to the conference table at the security services and a bad it launched its major bombing campaign in England, it almost always managed to stay ahead

of the security people. It is now coming to terms with the fact that Britain has become something of a disaster zone for its members, and that "suces" such as the explosions vhich devastated Docklands, in London, and Manchester are now interspersed with mishaps and accidents, providing evidence that the organisation has

been penetrated. Whether or not the bomb or bombs had gone off, the idea of sion it was clearly influenced by any government bringing Sinn

this moment is risible. The bombing has in effect ensured that republicans cannot expect entry into talks for many months, thus practically guar-anteeing that Sinn Fein will not be at the table in advance of the next British general election.

day for the IRA and Sinn Fein. But it was also a bad day for any hopes of a reconstructed peace process, for it showed that the republicans have reverted to militarism and that for the moment regards the IRA as their cutting edge, no matter the damage to their political wing. Yesterday was a good day for

Rail signaller worked 43 days non-stop

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

Railtrack last night admitted that it was in breach of guidelines drawn up after the Clapham rail disaster by allowing a signalman, who inadvertently risked the lives of fellow rail staff on the track, to work 43 days without a day off.

The company said that it was to examine the issues ter the privatisation of Railtrack

raised by this case" after being in May, which workers say has ber of boxes around the North ify that they should be That's no way to run a railway." alerted by The Independent. increased pressure on them to East Zone because he is a re-protected by a normal signal. The case highlights increased Earlier this summer, the sig-nalman, David Farrar, worked 27 and 43 days either side of just one break of a week's leave. The guidelines drawn up by the Hidden inquiry require signal staff to work a maximum of 13

hours - in succession. The situation occurred just af-

shifts - which can be up to 12

work beyond their permitted

Lawrie Harris, press officer for the rail union, RMT, said: "This is by no means an isolated case. In Scotland, they are even putting pressure on people not to adhere to the minimum 12-hour break between

Mr Farrar worked in a num-

lief signalman a job that requires particular attention since, according to one rail worker, "all boxes have their idiosyncracies". His long turn of duty only came to light because he made a mistake. He allowed a group of maintenance staff to go on the line when they were only

Mr Farrar's mistake led to an automatic disciplinary hearing but he was cleared by the manager who was responsible for the case because of the lengthy

One local rail union representative told The Independent, "This seems to imply that if we protected by an emergency sig-nal, whereas regulations spec-cident we cause is not our fault.

The case highlights increased pressure on signal staff to work beyond the hours specified by the Hidden inquiry and reveals confusion over the status of the guidelines. While one Railtrack spokesman appeared to say that they were only "guidelines" and not mandatory, another said that they were strictly enforced and any breach would

QUICKLY

Silence over Yeltsin The Kremin carried on with its uneasy, Soviet-style silence over the health of Boris Yeltsin yesterday, as the world waited to discover whether he is fit enough to go ahead with a heart bypass operation.

The fast-food giants McDonald's yesterday told the owner of McMunichies sandwich shop in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, to remove her sign or face legal action.

Labour offer

Trade names

Labour vesterday welcomed any support the Liberal Democrats might offer a Blair government, while keeping the option open on a Cabinet seal for Paddy Ashdown. Page 7

level fees

coilege in Cambridge is so ener of funds that it has asked rents to help fund its The deal was struck some 1,000 eram for bill Page 10 months ago after Paddy Ash-

Revealed: the official Lib-Lab pact

ANTHONY BEVINS

A formal Lib-Lab pact has been struck between Jane Ashdown and Cherie Booth, effectively stopping any election campaign television or radio in-terviews on the "wives' lives". Because of election rules on

broadcasting balance, the deal means that Norma Major cannot be interviewed as the wife of the Conservative leader. One source told The Independent yesterday that it was a common technique among broadcasters to approach one

party, saying the other two parties had agreed to a package. even if they had not. Because of the agreement reached by the two women they will all three now know that is not true," he said. "So there will be no interviews in the election."

The deal was struck some



down challenged John Major about a Tory attack on Ms Booth last June.

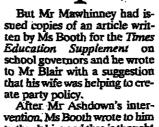
The Liberal Democrat leader asked the Prime Minister in the around personality attacks. Commons whether he approved the "unpleasant campaign" being run by Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, "to attack the Labour there be any such campaign."



Election deal: Jane Ashdown (left) and Cherie Booth

party through the Labour leader's wife". He demanded: "Do you want

an election campaign run which extends even to our families? Do you approve of that?" Mr Major said: "There is no such campaign and not will

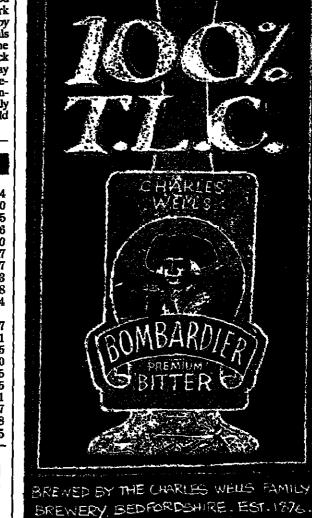


to thank him and that is thought to have opened up the line of communication with Mrs Ashdown and the block on "wives"

That decision has been reinforced by Mrs Major's gaffe, in an interview with the Independent Magazine on Saturday, suggesting that Labour will win the election.

Although Mrs Ashdown would not comment on the pact yesterday, it is known she feels that because the wives are not up for election, it would be unfair if anything they said harmed the chances of those standing.

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JASON BENNETTO

Raids by armed anti-terrorist officers early yesterday promise to be an important breakthrough in the fight against the IRA. The operations, which re-

sulted in the death of one suspect, the capture of five, and the seizure of up to 10 tonnes of explosives, bomb-making equip-ment, bobby-trap car devices, guns and ammunition, is the second big seizure in just over two months.

In July officers recovered components for up to 36 bombs which, it is thought, were to have been used to target power sta-tions in London and the southeast, Eight men were later remanded in custody charged with conspiring to cause explo-

So are the authorities getting hucky or more skilled at track-ing down terrorists? One of the most significant developments this year was the appointment of Commander John Grieve, head of Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch. He had just taken up his new post at the beginning of February when a lorry bomb destroyed the ceasefire when it devastated a large area of the Docklands and killed two

people.

Commander Grieve, a philosophy and psychology graduate, has a reputation as a shrewd but unconventional policeman. In his previous job as the Metropolitan Police's director of intelligence, he headed a team of specialists in surveillance and data analysis in targeting drugs-traffickers, international criminals and London gangs.

He has used his expertise in intelligence-gathering to bring a new, and many believe more thoughtful and astute, approach to anti-terrorism. Among his new developments is emphasis on using closed-circuit television to ensnare terrorists and numerous appeals to the public and the criminal underworld for help. This has been backed with promises of up to a £1m in reward money.

The potential benefit of "inside information" was highlighted by reports last night that an informer was suspected of helping police thwart the IRA in yesterday's raids. Commander Grieve's cerebral approach has also meet increasing approval and appreciation by MI5. which has overall responsibility in anti-terrorist intelligencegathering and analysis.

Insiders say the net result is greater "harmony" between the police and the security service. Gone are the bad old days of turf wars and there now appears to be much closer co-operation and greater understanding.
Mis expertise at intelligence-

gathering has also been praised as a vital factor in the operations. Surveillance and undercover techniques used by the security service have been evolving over the years and are "paying dividends", said a source. Scotland Yard sources yesterday pointed towards the success of public appeals and improvements in intelligencegathering techniques for the re-

But not all the news is good. There are still a number of unsolved terror attacks from this year. Most significantly, the Docklands and Manchester bombers are still at large and while yesterday's arrests and seizures are seen as an important break-through, they are only considered a dent against the IRA war machine.



Metal mania: Hell's Angels and the Iron Maiden band rode through London yesterday and stopped at the BBC to play some of the group's greatest hits outside Broadcasting House to try to persuade Radio 1 to feature more heavy metal music

Hurd leads backlash in battle over Chancellor

Douglas Hurd will issue a rallying call to One Nation Tories tomorrow to speak up for their brand of Conservatism against domination by Euro-sceptics in spite of the right-wing backlash over Kenneth Clarke's stand on the single European currency. The former Foreign Secretary

will use a conference of the Mainstream group of Tory MPs, led by David Hunt, a former Cabinet colleague, as a preemptive strike against the right wing before the Tory Party con-

eign Secretary signed the grandees' letter to The Independent, it will confirm the determination of middle-ground Tories to fight the right wing. A Mainstream platform, including Nicholas Soames, defence minister, Robin Squire, Ian Taylor,

Rallying call to One Nation Tories to speak up against Euro-sceptics

wets to hit back at the Tory right with Danny Finkelstein, head of the Conservative Party reearch department present - will highlight the threat of civil war breaking out in the party. But it is a mark of their renewed anxiety to fight back against the right wing dominating the agenda for the general election. John Redwood will lead the

The readiness of the former

calls at the conference for a more Euro-sceptic approach to reunite the party for the general election. He accused the Chancellor of letting down Britain at Dublin at the weekend by failing to oppose efforts erate the move towards a new exchange rate mechanism.

Mr Redwood told The Independent: "We expected the

Chancellor at Dublin to put the Government's view in order to influence the debate. It is a great pity that the Chancellor didn't warn of the dangers and the grave damage the ERM has done and could do in future.

"He should have reminded them it is British Government policy not to re-enter the ERM,

Mr Hurd will warn the party that it will risk losing the general election if it surrenders the centre ground to Labour under Tony Blair. He will tell the allday conference tomorrow that the party has encountered tur- that the conference motions Prime Minister, in the Cabinet, bulence, but One Nation Tories show there is massive support to defend their brand of Con-

However, Mr Redwood, the champion of the right wing, will



against right-wing

point out in a fringe speech to the Conservative 2000 group at the annual party conference He will tell the Tory fringe

that a Euro-sceptic approach is adopted in 198 motions for the Europe debate, a further 38 mo-

tions for the agriculture debate, four in the defence debate, and seven in the debate on trade and industry. He will argue that the party is united behind a Euro-sceptic approach.

Mr Redwood's supporters said last night that Mr Major would like to adopt a Euro-sceptic tone for the general election. He cannot because he is terrified of Kenneth Clarke," said one right-wing source.

Bill Cash, a leading back-bench Euro-sceptic called on Mr Clarke to consider his po-

But Mr Clarke's supporters war chest said last night he was not isolated. He had the support of Michael Heseltine, the deputy and had made it clear to close friends that he believed he was entitled to defy the Euro-sceptics because he had charge of occasional sport.

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'Times' papers over cracks of lost price deal

Media Correspondent

The Times newspapers yesterday cancelled a cut-price subscription offer they had been advertising the previous day, provoking speculation that executives feared it could lose

substantia) sums. The offer, which has been made in advertisements in both The Times and its Sunday sister, claimed the papers would match any other subscription offer you receive from any oth-

er national newspaper". The initiative appeared to be a clear attempt to retain readers following an offer by Tele-

36 or 52 weeks in advance, claimed customers could save £2.40 a week.

responded yesterday to the Times newspapers' advert promising to match other subscription offers they were told

afraid it is closed," a News International operator said. "We were told this morning it had finished and there was nothing

tor of corporate affairs at News International, acknowledged that it shouldn't be made quick-

The war for subscriptions is

significant shorts

Nurses set for pay clash

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themselves on collision course with the government and health service managers by calling for the scrapping of local pay awards and a substantial national rise. They are understood to want at least 14 per cent next year to stem staff shortages and flagging morale. This year the Pay Review Body, which advises the Government on pay awards for nurses, midwives and health visitors, recommended a 2 per cent national rise with NHS Trusts left free to decide how much more to give

Woman wins £3,000 over harassment

An industrial tribunal esterday awarded a woman £3,000 for sex discrimination after her manager mounted a campaign to ridicale and abusing her. Diana Brittan, deputy chairwoman at the Equal Opportunities Commission, said the ruling in Glasgow in favour of Jane Dobbin has clarified the law by finding that although her treatment was not of a sexual nature, harassment of women which is prolonged can be unlawful. Patricia

Gummer in hot water

Conservationists raised a tentative cheer yesterday as the board of the Lake District National Park voted by 23 to one to take the Secretary of State for the Environment, John Gummer, to the High Court in its fight to get power boats off Lake Windermere. Last month Mr Gummer overruled an independent nspector and refused to confirm a bylaw for a 10mph speed limit on the lake.

ITV's £800m

inen Goodwin

ITV is spending £800m on its Saturday schedule. Out go shows such as Jack Dee. and in come dramas from a £230m stable, American series, movie premiéres and

Stalker's 'terrifying'

campaign
A dental nurse yesterday told of a stalker's Southwark Crown Court that Clarence Morris, of Poplar, east London, sent her bottles of champagne, but also twice threatened ber with an axe-like weapon in a car park. He denies causing actual bodily harm and a further count of common assault. The trial continues.

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Wandering boy ponders future

Peter Kerry, the schoolboy with a wanderlust, was yesterday sent home from school to think about his future. His parents said they would do everything in their "limited powers" to stop him running away again. Peter, who returned from Germany more than a week after vanishing from his home in Harrow, north-west London, was condemned by his headmaster for acting "selfishly". Peter, 15, hit the headlines in February when he flew 7.000 miles to Malaysia using his father's passport and credit card, sparking a world-wide search which lasted six days.

Japanese company 'not racist'

A boss at a City subsidiary of a Japanese firm yesterday denied the company had been racist in failing to promote British workers. Noriaki Nakajima, deputy manager of the British arm of Quick Corporation - a financial information company - told an industrial tribunal in Stratford, east London, that the British staff lacked suitable "ability and character" to become managers. Cliff Wakeman, 42, of Whitstable, Kent, Ashok

Solanki, 44, from Edgeware, north London, and Stewart Mitchell, 45, from Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, are claiming racial discrimination and unfair dismissal against Quick. The hearing continues today.

Hotel plan for Trafalgar

Plans to build a hotel on the corner of London's Trafalgar Square were unveiled yesterday. Burford Holdings said a £7m deal with Prudential for a site in St Martin's Place on the corner of the famous square would be the first to give waking travellers a room with a view of Nelson's Column.

Endeavour is answer to Morse code

The mystery about the Christian name of Inspector Morse ended yesterday when the character's creator. Colin Dexter, revealed all: Endeavour. In London to launch the last Morse book, Death Is Now My Neighbour, he said the name was chosen to fit Morse's background: "terrifying" campaign
which left her in fear of her
life. Perry Southall, 20, told
his father was a a fan of
Captain Cook and his mother a Quaker. Mr Dexter decided on it seven years ago after Morse's initial of 'E was shown in the popular Inspector Morse television series on a hospital chart hanging on the bed in which the inspector was lying. The actor John Thaw, who plays Morse in the series, had known of the name for a year. Marianne Macdonald

OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS

BACK ISSUES

Jehovah's Witness girl doomed by transfusion refusal

an in-line skating accident because her family refused to let her have a blood transfusion, an inquest heard yesterday.

the family to allow her a transfusion which would have given her a 90-per-cent chance of survival. Emelie Grootjes, 19, broke both legs after she lost control of her skates going down a hill on 31 July. A Dutch student, she had been on holiday at Lockley Park caravan park, Hamworthy, Dorset, with her mother, father, brother and sister, all Jehovah's Witnesses.

The inquest at Bournemouth was told she was taken to Poole General Hospital, where she

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A Jehovah's Witness died after died from fat-embolism syndrome five days later. East Dorset coroner Nigel Neville-Jones heard that fat and marrow from her bones had entered A doctor said he pleaded with her blood system before jam-

ming up around her lungs. Charles Blakeway, a consultant surgeon, described an op-eration designed to bind her legs and stop more fat getting into the bloodstream. We would normally give a transfusion straight away. The transfusion was refused from the outset because she was a Jehovah's Witness. If consent is declined then we are stuck.' The next day he noticed

problems with Emelie and her lungs began to deteriorate. She died later in intensive care. "The refusal of the blood transfusion contributed to her death MERCURY

in my opinion." Barry Newman, head of the intensive-care unit, said: "Somebody as young and fit as her, if she had received all the therapies we could give, then I would have given her chances as 90 per cent. When I first met her I was made aware that she grounds".

was a Jehovah's Witness. Her parents had signed a form saying she would not take blood or blood products." Dr Newman said he regret-

ted not telling her the first time he met her of the "brutal facts" that her life could depend on the blood and plasma. Her father, Cornelius, said: "We accept other treatment but not blood or blood products. I think the situation with blood is not so black or white as it looks. I think the doctors did all they could and I am very happy with all that they did."

Mr Neville-Jones said a postmortem examination gave the cause of death as fat-embolism syndrome. He referred to a High Court Judge's ruling, say-ing: "The right of the individ-ual is paramount. She was entitled in her rights to refuse the transplants which were offered to her." He recorded a verdict that she died as the result of an accident "the conse-quences of which were contributed by the refusal of blood transfusions on religious

MARIANNE MACDONALD

ers following an offer by Tele-graph newspapers. In direct mailshots they have been of-fering all seven Telegraph papers from Monday to Sunday for £1. The Telegraph mailshot, which demands readers pre-pay by cheque or credit card 12, 24, 36 or 57, weeks in advance

But when Telegraph readers

we could do about it." Yesterday Jane Reed, direc-

the offer had been suddenly closed, saying: "There is no rea-son, when one makes a decision, ly. The subscription offer was designed to cover the summer of sport, and now we're going into an extremely strong au-tumn period and we still feel we are giving the best value ever on 10p and 40p cover prices. We felt it was the best thing to do."

the latest round in the battle for circulation which is dominating the gently declining British newspaper market. The Times is presently heavily promoting its Monday paper, at 10p.
It was also News Interna-

tional which led the recent allout newspaper price war which rocked the British market and resulted in prices being slashed across the board.

Four die as car and coach collide

REBECCA FOWLER

Four men were killed and a fifth was seriously injured when their car collided with a coach carrying 22 pensioners in the Cotswolds in Gloucestershire yesterday.

The single-decker coach and the red Renault hatchback car crashed on a sharp bend, a notorious local black spot, on the A424 road at the junction with Donnington Trout Farm, near

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Moreton-in-Marsh at 3.30pm. The pensioners, including some in wheelchairs, were described as "badly shaken". They are understood to have been visiting the Cotswolds on a trip from Telford in Shropshire.

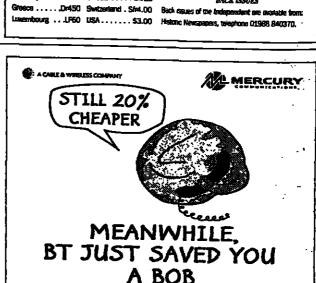
They were initially taken to the local village hall where sevin the car are believed to be eral were treated for minor injuries and shock. A number were then taken to Cheltenham General Hospital by ambulance although none were

believed to be seriously hurt. An air ambulance took the fifth car passenger to the hospital, where his condition was described as serious. He was cut from the wreckage of the Renault by firefighters, along with the four deceased. All the men

from the Birmingham area. The accident was witnessed by Phil Janka, 38, a brewery worker who lives near by. He said: "The car was going towards Stow-on-the-Wold from Evesham when it met up with the coach going the other way and hit it head on.

"The impact has pushed the car back quite a distance and it has been squashed to about half He added: "This is a nasty bend and there have been a lot

of accidents on it before, but never anything this serious." The cause of the accident was being investigated by police.



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Unrepentant Norris romps and tells

The ex-minister delivers his embarrassing goods on the eve of the Tory conference. By **John Rentoul**

For months senior Tories have been shifting awkwardly at the thought of the "romp 'n' tell" memoirs of Steven Norris hitting the bookshops next week, days before their party conference.

It seems that, as so often in his life, the former transport minister had the best of intentions. The first draft of his book was so tame the publishers, who paid more than £150,000, asked him to "spice it up".

Now the publishers - and the Daily Mail, which began serialisation yesterday - have got what they But no one else is happy. More

than one mistress feels bitter and betrayed by his decision to go into print about his relationships. Today the Mail launches its main salvo: "The truth about me and my five mis-

His party is also angry about his disloyalty. A minister in the Government until only two months ago, Mr Norris launched a vitriolic attack on Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, in yesterday's instalment.

He accused Mr Heseltine of failing to reward his supporters, and said: "The real reason Emma Nicholson defected was that, after years of dogged devotion, Hesel-tine could hardly remember her

But the real story that is revealed is one of a boisterous Thatcherite brought down to earth by the reality of less exciting times. Mr Norris was the embodiment of the Thatcher boom years. A Labour student who was a Tory convert, he became a millionaire through his ownership of a VW-Audi dealership and described himself, ironically, as a "second-hand car dealer".

He was married to the daughter of a rear-admiral and sent his son to Eton. He was irreverent, larger than life and a populist right-winger. When he was translated from Oxford to Epping Forest after a year

out of the Commons, he even be-

came the emblematic Essex Man. But he was never really like that. He was a social liberal who supported reducing the age of consent for homosexuals to 16. And he was Baroness Thatcher over the poll tax. meeting gave him a video of their



The Sayings of Steven Norris The reputation I have as a philanderer is quite

erroneous. I am not angry about it but it's a million miles from the reality." This week. On the moming of 1995 Tory leadership election he predicted that John Major would have to resign if 100 MPs failed to vote for him. 111 failed to do

so, but Mr Major stayed Asked who he voted for in 1995 Tory leadership tone down this love affair with the car." 1994

plans to improve public transport in their area. He listened attentively and promised to watch it, but they watched in horror and fury as he walked out of the meeting and put

In his not-so-private life, one of his mistresses yesterday said that he had broken an understanding that neither of them would say anything This is a direct reversal of Mr Nor-school hall to be an orgasmic expe-

election: "John Major. I owed him and he's the least worst option."

On the joys of the car: "You have your own company, your own temperature control, your own music - and don't have to put up with dreadful human beings sitting alongside you." 1995

For the sake of the environment, we must try to

ris's accusation against another former minister, Edwina Currie, whom pressed. he accused of having betrayed him, with her revelation to the Today newspaper: "Minister tried to seduce

This actually referred to an incident when they were both at school in Liverpool. He said: "She may, I suppose, have imagined a brief fum-

rience, but I fear I was less im-

And he said that, when they met in the Members' Lobby on both being elected to the Commons in 1983, she had said: "I won't say anything if you don't." But he accused her of breaking her word by going public at preby the time in 1993 when the tabloids published revelations about

Taylor launched her pre-emptive strike in the Mail's sister paper, the Mail on Sunday. "He was reading from the script of married men. His wife, Vicky, didn't understand him, they led separate lives, blah, blah. I knew his wife had just had a baby so I didn't believe a word of it," she said.

But Mr Norris sent her flowers and presents. "He was very romantic, and so, so charming. He made me laugh - he is a very funny man and in this part of the world [Wiltshire] there are not many decent, intelligent and amusing men. There I was - 39 and divorced. I thought, Terrific, life does begin at 40'."

In stark contrast to his version of the story, in which she is portrayed as a lonely woman who pestered him to marry her, she said he promised to marry her. "Steve went down on At the weekend, his ex-lover Lynn ring, the whole bit," she said.

Steven Norris, Jeft, now telling much, if not all, in a new book Others have preferred a dignified silence in response to Mr Norris's first literary effort. Mrs Currie had no comment yesterday and Mr Hes-

The power to charm: Sheila Gunn, top, Vicky Norris, the wife, and Lynn Taylor have all fallen for

eltine's office did not return our call. For those hoping the book would provide salacious insights into recent political events, as the much-hyped comparison with Alan Clark's diaries suggested, yesterday's instalment

was a disappointment. Mr Norris recycled a Spitting Image sketch as a true story, recounting the time when Lady Thatcher was "dining with her Cabinet col-leagues and being asked what dish she had chosen. 'I'll have the steak,' she promptly dictated. 'And what about the vegetables?' 'Oh, they'll

But he warned John Major: "As long as there is breath in Michael party if the opportunity arose."

Trade names: McDonald's yesterday told the owner of McMunchies sandwich shop in Milton Keynes to remove her sign or face legal action

In yesterday's instalment, he

claimed to have admired her and her

"brilliant" Euro-sceptical Bruges

speech, but said she lost touch with

the Tory party and the people through no fault of her own.

time, which was that "the only way

to be sure was to nail her in a cof-

fin with a stake through her heart".

evasions of politics seem to have been

paign manager, Peter Morrison, "I

irust we can count on you?" Mr Nor-

ris says he replied: "Absolutely no

problem." He describes this as a "suitably Delphic response", which

added to the Thatcher team's mis-

He was still at it earlier this sum-

replicated in his private life.

And then there was the sex. The

Asked by Lady Thatcher's cam-

This was not what he said at the

Big Mac chews out little Mrs McMunchie

JOJO MOYES

Good evening, this is the news with Trevor Donald. The former beatle Paul Cartney yesterday spoke of his meeting with the former prime minister Harold Millan, while wearing a Kintosh. This is how the fast-food gi-

ants McDonald's would apparently like the news read, if its latest foray into the legal system is anything to go by.
It has told the Scottish sand-

wich bar owner Mary Blair that her Buckinghamshire shop can no longer go by the name Mc-Munchies because McDonald's is the registered user of the "Mc" prefix, it emerged yesterday. Ms Blair, a 36-year-old Scot who does not sell burgers or chips, said she chose the name because she liked the word "munchies" and wanted to add a taste of Scotland. The sign bears both a Scottish thistle and a St Andrew's flag.

But in a statement to Ms Blair's solicitors, McDonald's said if someone, "either deliberately or unintentionally", used their trademark, they were "[in effect] using something that does not belong to them". What next? The company that has quietly set about taking over the world, ensuring that there is not a high street which does not feanure its red and white plastic and its golden arches (also the prop-



Big M: McDonald's is the registered user of the 'Mc' prefix

erty of McDonald's) now apparently wants to take over Britain's beritage. Telling Scots that they cannot use the prefix Mc is like some-

and then van its use in India. Where do they think "Me" originated - Illinois? McDonald's say that the "unauthorised" use of the "Mc" prefix "may confuse the public". As there is no longer a five-yearold in the western world who cannot tell their Big Mae from McNugget from their KFC Bargain Bucket, an egg and mayo on brown is hardly going to

shake McDonald's stock. But then the company with an apparent view on world one registering the name Singh domination appears to have lost its perspective when it comes to the little people. The company is at present waging a marathon High Court libel action against the envi-ronmentalists Dave Morris, 42,

and Helen Steel, 30, over a

leaflet they distributed which,

some less than pretty words, accused the company of poisoning its customers and damaging the environment.

The trial may have done much more damage to Mc-Donald's public image than the leaflet, which would likely have been seen by about six people had Ronald McDonald not marshalled his legal troops.

Now, it appears, the compa-

ny is about to make the same mistake again. And yet, in terms of using names, McDonald's is perhaps being a little forgetful. In June last year it was forced to climb down over its Route 66 restaurant promotion after Andre and Maraide Levy issued a writ claiming damages over use of a registered trademark.

McDonald's reached an outof-court settlement with the two holders of the Route 66 trademark, in spite of saying that it would 'vigorously defend" its right to use the name of the American highway.

And perhaps it should ponder on the use of its prefix to indicate something far from its squeaky clean corporate image. Just as the farcical trial of Morris and Steel has become known as McLibel, the slang term now widely used to indicate lowgrade, transitional employment is McJob. As far as the British public is concerned it is fast using the prefix "Mc" against

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the unmistakeable voice of BBC television's Grand Prix coverage, has changed course to become ITV's main commen-

channels next year.

Mr Walker, 72, renowned for his remarkably enthusiastic style, has signed a two-year deal with ITV. which this sumdica mer bought up rights to the live overage of Formula One. Speaking from Estoril in Por-

every Grand Prix since 1978 said. Motor racing is my pas-sion and my life. Until very recently I saw that stopping, but thanks to ITV it is not and I am absolutely delighted." ITV's plans for Formula One cover-

age were "very impressive". ITV has secured the rights to broadcast motor racing for five years with a bid reported to have been in the region of £70m. Capturing the services of Mr eal, where he commentated Walker, who is widely regarded the BBC last weekend, as the face and voice of Formula

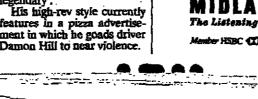
Working for independent television will not be a new ex-perience for the long-time BBC man. During the late Fifties and early Sixties he worked as a freelance, commentating on motorcycle scrambles.

ITV's network director Marcus Plantin said: "I am delighted to be able to end recent speculation and welcome Murray to ITV. Public support and affection for him is enormous. The news will delight mem-

bers of the Murray Walker fan

much mistaken ... I'm ver much mistaken"). Although frequently mocked for his excitability when a major catastrophe occurs on the track such as the occasion when flames engulfed the Dutch dri-ver Jos Verstappen in the German Grand Prix - Walker's strident tones have become

His high-rev style currently features in a pizza advertise ment in which he goads drive:



THE INDEPENDENT - WEDNESDAY IS SEPTED

Death of a headmaster: Street gang leader 'acted with a mixture of bravado and adrenalin'

'A good man killed for very worst of reasons'

CHARLIE BAIN

Philip Lawrence, the head teacher who was stabbed to death last December "was a genuinely good man killed for the very worst of reasons," an Old Bailey jury was told yes-

Mr Lawrence, 48, was stabbed in the chest in a "deliberate, concerted and cowardly attack" by the 15-year-old leader of a street gang "acting with a mixture of bravado and adrenalin", the court heard.

The teenager, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, appeared charged with Mr Lawrence's murder yesterday on the first day of the trial in court number one of the Old

The youth denies the charge and also denies a second charge of conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm and wounding with intent a 13-year-old boy. A codefendant, aged 15, also denies the latter two charges.

John Bevan, prosecuting. told the jury of six men and six women how Mr Lawrence was knifed in the chest after he went to help one of his pupils in December last year.

The boy was ambushed and attacked in revenge after a "trivial" incident of barging into the corridor with an older boy who "boasted he was a Triad member" and threatened to bring his friends to beat him up, the prosecution alleged.

On the day of the attack, with Mr Lawrence and his pupils watching, the armed gang of 12, some wearing a uniform of dark clothes and bandanas, arrived and carried out a preplanned "military operation".

One gang member bludgeoned the 13-year-old boy's head with a metal pole from behind. As Mr Lawrence "peaceably confronted their leader to find out what was going on, he

Mr Bevan said: "A few grave

crimes each year command public attention beyond the norm and cause us collectively

to pause and reflect. The murder of Philip Lawrence shortly before Christmas last year was one such.

"A man who in life was unknown beyond his own wide circle of family, friends and work environment was in death thrust into the national spotlight.

The reasons include the nature of the man, the tragic waste of life which his death represents and the nature of the crime which brought it about."



Philip Lawrence: Stabbed in the chest while helping pupil

As Mr Lawrence's widow. Frances, listened, Mr Bevan said: "It was a tragic waste of the life of a genuinely good man for the worst reasons

Mr Bevan said: "Part of his job involved looking after the safety of his pupils and it was in seeking to protect one of them

"His attacker is also a leader but of a rather different type. "He, although only 15 at the time, was old enough to lead a gang of youths in a deliberate, concerted and cowardly attempt to attack one of Philip

Lawrence's pupils as that pupil left the school gates.

"The gang was armed and when Philip Lawrence confronted him perfectly peaceably in an attempt to find out what the trouble was, the youth, acting presumably on a mixture of brayado and adrenaline, stabbed him in the chest.'

The alleged killer was from a Filipino background and did not attend Mr Lawrence's school, the jury was told.

Mr Bevan said: "For some time he had been involved in a street gang called Woo Sing Woo, which pretended to be a juvenile equivalent of a Triad gang and consisted of a number of youths, largely of Filipino background, meeting in Cam-den or the West End of Lon-

The younger defendant was a pupil at Mr Lawrence's school - St George's Roman Catholic School in Maida Vale - and had plotted with fellow gang-members to attack the boy in the year below him after their "trivial" argument, alleged the prose-

He said one 15-year-old "reluctant gang member had showed the courage to break ranks from the "Triad hopefuls" since the incident to tell police what had happened.

He was encouraged to take a day off school as there would be a fight. "It'll be a laugh," he was informed by one gang

The gang was then divided into three teams - one to lead the fight, the second to help out and the third to be "careful of attack from behind".

At all times, the youth accused of murdering Mr Lawrence was in charge of the planning, the jury heard. When told the school's headmaster would be at the front gates, the gang leader said not to worry about him, it was alleged.

The trial was adjourned un-



The other victim: Mr Lawrence's widow Frances, who was at court yesterday listening Photograph: Flona Hanson/PA intently to the trial's opening

Diocese gives counselling code to priests

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

Priests or church workers suspected of relationships with parishioners will automatically be suspended from their posts according to a policy unveiled esterday by the diocese of Oxford, the richest diocese in the Church of England.

The policy includes a code of ministerial practice, which says that "ministers", defined as anyone in a position of authority in the church, shall not enter into or continue any pastoral relationship for personal advan-tage, whether this advantage be sexual, financial, or emotional.

Ministers are also warned against visiting parishioners late at night when they are alone, or receiving visits themselves in rules codify common sense and good practice, according to the diocesan spokesman, the Rev Richard Thomas.

The guidelines were already being drawn up last year, when the Dean of Lincoln, the Very Rev Brandon Jackson, was tried and acquitted of charges arising from his relationship with a distressed woman whom he had counselled late one evening at her home, and a second time in

The guidelines also ask priests to consider the place and time of a meeting and its dura-tion; whether it is formal or informal; the arrangement of furniture and lighting, and "appropriate bodily posture and the use of Christian names and terms of endearment".

The Church of England has no central code of conduct on these matters, though most parts will follow a policy very similar to that of the Oxford diocese. If the alleged abuse in-volves children, the police are brought in straight away. But for allegations of improper pastoral relationships with adults, the diocese recommends that the priest be moved away while the allegations are investigated. The investigation is usually to be carried out by an assistant

The policy document, which is to be sent to all the clergy in the diocese, also includes a paper on "transference", warning ministers against signs that their counselling relationship may be entering into an improper phase. Danger signs include:
"The pastor begins to look for ward to the counselling session with a particular person. He or she ruminates about the appointment and cannot wait for the time to arrive."

Church defends its role in Wright case

The Roman Catholic church yesterday defended its handling of the case of The Right Rev Roderick Wright as suggestions of yet more affairs rocked his colleagues.

A former housekeeper claimed to have come across notes to him from four women and said that when she confronted him the bishop had denied everything.

Heene McKinney, 67, also said she had taken her fears to Cardinal Thomas Winning, who at the time was Archbishop of Glasgow, and to Archbishop Keith O'Brien of St Andrews, but that she had heard nothing further.

the meeting four years ago at which the two senior churchmen accepted Bishop Wright's categoric denial of misconduct, in which he denied the allegations as "scurrilous".

Two weeks after that meeting, Ms McKinney said, Bishop Wright said she could no longer work as his housekeeper – and told her to get out.
But Fr Noel Barry,

spokesman for Cardinal Winning, said today: "The church has to operate according to its own standards. We would never ... talk about a meeting

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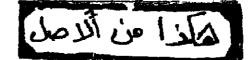
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The RSPCA wants to wipe out guinea pigs.



Every year around 2000 rabbits, mice and rats are subjected to laboratory tests by the British cosmetics industry.

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The end result is not a cure for cancer, AIDS or heart disease, it's a new deodorant, hair dye or anti-wrinkle cream.

The animals are bred for testing and spend their whole lives in unnatural conditions.

They are kept in small, barren cages with little or no stimulation or opportunity to express natural behaviour.

And there's nothing natural about the tests they undergo.

There are acute toxicity tests, where animals are dosed with test substances and then observed for outward signs of suffering.

There are skin irritation tests, where the animal's fur is shaved and increasing concentrations of chemicals or products are applied to their bodies to see if there is any reaction.

And there are eye irritation tests, where dyes

and cosmetics are dropped into their opened eyes.

After the tests are completed all the animals are killed.

Unsurprisingly the RSPCA would like to see it stopped. Perhaps more surprisingly, so would the cosmetics companies.

They are actively involved in developing alternatives, such as tests on cultures of living cells and animal organs rather than live animals.

The problem is European law.

Any new form of testing needs to gain acceptance from the European Commission, without it the cosmetics companies cannot change their practices even if they want to. Because, of course, products must be shown to be safe for human use.

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The Commission must meet before December 31st to consider alternative forms of testing.

The more they approve, the more animals will be spared unnecessary suffering. And you can help make that happen.

Write a short letter to John Taylor MP, The Minister for Consumer Affairs at the DTI, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET urging him to consider the alternatives.

If you do write please let us know by calling 01403 223284 (Monday-Friday, 9-5), there's also an information pack available on that number if you would like to know more about cosmetic testing.

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Please make the time.

And then perhaps, fewer rabbits will end up being guinea pigs.



COSMETIC TESTING ON ANIMALS MUST BE STOPPED.

THE INDEPENDENT . WEDNESDAY IS SEPTEMBER I

Internet porn curbs approved

Science Editor

Internet companies received government blessing yesterday for a self-regulation system to help them police the network and stamp out illegal material

such as child pornography.

The proposals include a telephone hotline to which Internet users can report material which they think is illegal, and "blocking" software which censors sites from view, so that adults can let children use the system without supervision.

But there were warnings that the response may simply be to move the problem beyond the reach of police in Europe, while creating an atmosphere which is dangerously close to censor-ship by proxy. "When film was a new medium it was self-regulated," said Malcolm Hetty, who runs the Campaign against

Britain. "But it didn't take long for the Government to create a quango and make censorship by it mandatory. I feel worried if there's a single censor here."

Ian Taylor, the science and technology minister, insisted that he was not trying to legis-late on the Internet. "That would be impossible." But equally, he said, "its benefits shouldn't be undermined by the actions of a few perverts".

The proposals, called "Safety Net , mean that any user of the Internet could ring the hotline - being funded by £500,000 from Peter Dawe, formerly head of the Internet connection company Pipex - and report material that they think is illegal. If the information originated in the UK, and was reckoned to be against the law, then Safety Net will contact its Internet service provider, which will contact the person who put the information on the network and ask

them to remove it. In the case of material on foreign computers, British police could contact the owner of the computer.

Also, all companies offering connection to the Internet will offer filtering software which allows children to access only the parts of the World Wide Web the part of the Internet offering millions of "pages" of text, pictures, video and sound - that the parents deem suitable.

US media consultant Sydney Rubin warned, however, that pornography might simply be switched to computers in countries where laws are more lax. The issue of child pornography, she says, is a distraction. In the UK at the moment you're focused on porn. But what I am worried about, as the parent of a five-year-old, is things like the Nicole Simpson autopsy photographs - those are available on the Net. Or photographs of Bosnian atrocities.

Enter the dolls that let children play the supermodel game



Small, and perfectly formed: Karen Mulder, supermodel, appraises the Sindy brand rendition of her form, one of a collection of dolls launched in London yesterday that includes Naomi Campbell and Claudia Schiffer

Anger boils as EU holds talks on beef crisis

KATHERINE BUTLER Co Kerry

European, agriculture ministers will hold talks on the beef crisis today against the backeround of a widening rift with Britain over the government's failure to eradicate BSE.

Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, will have to account for the decision to abandon a selective slaughter of 140,000 high risk cattle - the centrepiece of the BSE eradication strategy demanded of Britain in exchange for the phasing out of the ban on British beef exports.

Franz Fischler, the EU farm commissioner, again rejected any renegotiation of the Florence deal on the cuil. "There is no reason to change, there is nothing new. We will continue to develop the Florence agree-

Anger in other member states of Britain's handling of the crisis has reached boiling cision. Britain's critics believe they have little hope of reviving some countries is down by 40 per cent - until the disease is

wined out.

Europe's farmers, many of whom are facing bankruptcy are growing more militant. As ministers sit down in Killarney to discuss the long-term future of the industry, 10,000 Irish beef producers will converge on the town to protest at the collapse in prices. Their difficulties have been created mainly by a pan-ic reaction to British BSE on key Irish export markets in the Middle Èast.

Yesterday, Mr Hogg joined his European colleagues on a visit to a County Kerry farm. Playing down the tensions, he said: "Relations with the other member states are excellent. Our work goes on." This view was not borne out, however, by French minister Philippe Vasseur, who said: "Britain appears to be isolating herself."

Ministers will today consider the long-term options in the knowledge that demand for beef has been irreparably damget surplus of £800 million to be spent on taking even more unwanted cattle off the market.

DAILY POEM

Mysticism and Democracy By Geoffrey Hill

I am of a Dark-land, for there I was born, and there my Father and Mother are still

To the Evangelicals: a moving image of multitudes turned aside –

with staves and bundles, through the patched sloughs, broken-down hedges, among brick stacks: unerring the voice, the direction, though the truth is difficult to follow,

a track of peculiar virtue - English - which so often deceives us by the way.

Exhaustion is the essence, though in the meantime what song has befallen those who were laggard pilgrims, or none. It is as you see. I would not trouble greatly to proclaim this.

But shelve it under Mercies.

Geoffrey Hill was born in Bromsgrove in 1932. He taught for many years at Leeds University, and later at Cambridge where he is an honorary fellow of Emmanuel College. Since 1988 he has been Professor of Literature and Religion at Boston University. Religion and religious allegory dominate Hill's poetry. In the 1950s when poets favoured the modernist, Hill had older themes in mind. His poetry has, as one critic has neatly pointed out, "defeated as many readers as has it fascinated". Penguin publish his latest collection Canaan this week and Geoffrey Hill opens the Poetry International Festival at and Geoffrey Hill opens the Poetry International Festival at the South Bank on Friday. Box Office 0171-960 4242.

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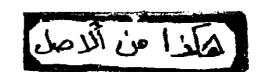
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Labour keeps Ashdown option

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

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Labour yesterday welcomed any support the Liberal Democrats might offer a Blair government, while keeping the option open on

a Cabinet seat for Paddy Ashdown.
While Liberal Democrat conference managers in Brighton tried desperately to turn media attention to policy debates on the economy. unemployment and energy, media interviews continued to be dominated by questions about the consequences of an inconclusive election result.

Mr Ashdown said in a series of broadcast interviews that the parwas "sovereign, independent, and distinctive".

But he added: "I'm a Liberal Democrat because there are things I believe in, and that I want to put into practice, that I think are good for our country. If working with others, because they've come to agree with us, delivers those things, and is good for Britain, then I'll do it."

As for the suggestion on Sunday by Alex Carlile, Welsh Liberal Democrat leader, that the party's MPs might take seats in a Labour government, Mr Ashdown said: ister, I probably wouldn't have been a Liberal Democrat."

That statement prompted Don-ald Dewar, the Labour Chief Whip, to say: "I think that is probably a realistic view of their prospects. "But they're an important pres-

sure group and of course if they agree with us, then we would want to have their support and act more effectively in the House of Commons on that basis in government." Asked whether a Cabinet seat might be available in return for Liberal Democrat votes, Mr Dewar

said: "I think we'll cross that bridge

"If I wanted to be a Cabinet min- if we come to it. We don't anticipate reaching that situation."

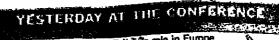
Mr Dewar said a Labour govemment would hope for Liberal Democrat support on constitutional reform and social policy and added: I believe in sensible co-operation."

However, that did not mean that the two parties were planning marriage. "What is true is that if there is parliamentary business in which we can make common cause, then we will make common cause," he said. "Clearly, there are occasions when it is sensible to make sure that other parties who are going to be voting the same way know

communication. The unwanted speculation left the Liberal Democrats distressed that their conference was being hijacked by forces beyond their con-

trol as in previous years. Asked whether there would be formal co-operation with a Labour government. Mr Ashdown said: 'Is it possible? Yes. Is it likely? No.' Nothing was ruled in, and nothing was ruled out.

Simon Hughes, the party's health spokesman, said the public wanted the sort of politics that did not make everything a confrontation.

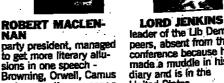


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ROBERT MACLENparty president, manage to get more literary allu-sions in one speech -



leader of the Lib Dem peers, absent from the conference because he made a muddle in his diary and is in the

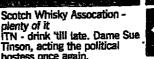


MICHAEL PORTILLO United States

Robert Maclennan described the Defence Secretary's Euro-sneering SAS speech last year as on "the threshold fascism...a sort of verbal goosestep".

Guardian debate on why the Lib Dems always come third. Starred Emma Nicholson, Lord Rodgers (ex Gang of Four) Menzies Campbell,

The European Movement. Lonely Lib Dem Euro-sceptic Nick Harvey took on the party big guns, 150 people.





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Robert Maclennan

Malcolm Bruce, economics spokesman Charles Kennedy, European Affairs spokesman 33 secs

TODAY'S BUSINESS Paddy Ashdown delivers his keynote speech. Debates on Northern Ireland, crime, gun control, reform of the Commons and "cleaning up the mess in politics".



The Liberal Democrats yesterday presented themselves as the only party prepared to be "honabout tax and even sketched out plans to give taxpayers more say in how money is raised and spent.

Malcolm Bruce, the party's Treasury spokesman, proposed a new "tax contract" which would be delivered to every household each year detailing sources and amounts of revenue alongside government spending.

The contract would "stop chancellors of the Exchequer deceiving the people with backdoor tax rises or more deferred taxation", Mr Bruce said.
"In time" people could be giv-

en more say in tax-and-spend options, he explained. The proposal to out at extra 10 in the nound on income tax to fund investment in schools would not be nut to the test because voters have given their judgement in the election.

For the future, however, the plan for more tax on eigarettes to abolish charges for dental and eye tests is the sort thing taxpayers could be asked about possibly via an extra question on tax-return forms.



have guts to do that then. Will

he have the guts to do it this year?" Mr Bruce said.

However, his attempt to portray the Liberal Democrats as a party of clarity was undermined by dissent on another key area of economic policy - its commitment to European eco-

nomic and monetary union.

"Tax contract' proposal to stop Treasury deceit

STEPHEN GOODWIN

"The other parties are prac-tising a deception on taxes," Mr Bruce said. There had been an

without retreating from its com-

come-tax cuts in the Budget mitment to education. the extra £2bn investment vital

embarrassing outbreak of "metooism", with Labour and the Tories trying to outdo each other on tax cuts. Mr Bruce said that with public borrowing still high, it was unlikely the party would be able to change its opposition to in-

Bruce: More say for taxpayers

Unless the Budget provided to schools, he would again be inviting Labour to help vote down tax cuts. "Tony Blair didn't

Nick Harvey, MP for Devon North, and the party's nearest thing to a Euro-sceptic, said that before monetary union could proceed, the arguments about political union had to be fought "I don't think that these aruments have been won with the British people. I don't think yet that we have convinced the British people of the need for an independent central bank." Nor were people convinced of the need to make the cuts necessary to meet the economic convergence criteria for a single currency, Mr Harvey said. Mr Bruce told the conference that only the Liberal Democrats were clear that Britain should be a founder member of the monetary union if it was able to meet the criteria. Monetary union requires hard decisions, but yields the prize of lower interest rates and stable exchange rates," he said.

Desperately seeking to defy definition

-What is a Liberal Democrat?" is the plaintive title on one of the most prominent publications in the bookstall here in the Brighton Conference Centre.What indeed?

Being here is like finding oneself in the middle of a convention of sitcom characters. Where the Tories are all bluerinses, pearls and stripy ties, and New Labour is a convocation of mobiles, bleepers and Wonderoras, Lib Dems glory in their otherness, alike only in their unalikeness.

This is the party of the cussed and the argumentative. If Victor Meldrew, Basil Fawlty and the cast of Wairing for Godor were to find themselves on the doorstep at election time, it's Paddy's party they'd he urging upon us.

This chaotic character extends to appearance as well as to speech. It seems to be a pretty central tenet of Lib-Dem philosophy that, just as every person is an individual in their own right, so too is each item of clothing. No vestment should be judged simply by whether it conforms to another, but must he allowed to stand up proudly for itself, to proclaim its essential jacketness, or shout out

its skirtly qualities. Thus, in addition to an unusually large number of purple and grey windcheaters and indoor rucksades, the gathered enemble shows a disregard for shionable notions of co-ordion which is truly heroic.



AARONOVITCH

Next to me, as I write, is a man in black sports blazer, white shirt with thick grey vertical stripes, taupe tie with yellow stripes, khaki trousers and brown loafers. But he is a mild specimen compared with the chap in maroon jacket, white ankle

socks and puce-and-green kill.

A gallant reticence comes over me when considering how their female colleagnes use the yellow that is the party's colour. Lib Dems have never been afraid of conflict, so they are cer-

tainly not scared of terrible clashes. The very stalls in the exhibition hall declare this cussedness. Every animal campaigning organisation known to humankind has set up shop here. The RSPCA has a big stand. So too does the RSPB. So that's birds catered for - and animals. But, just in case the delegates have failed to get the message, there is a massive display by an organisation called IFAW, which plays video tapes of foxes being slaughtered - sending into the nearby cafeteria the amplified sound of yelps, barks and dismembered vulpine shrieks.

Hands off the furry ones is the obvious message from this lot. What then, you may well ask, of humanity? Are there similar exhibitions demanding the sympathy of delegates for the plight of their fellow men? Only one. The Voluntary Euthanasia Society has (literally)

set out its rather gloomy stall.

It's a popular message here. Lib

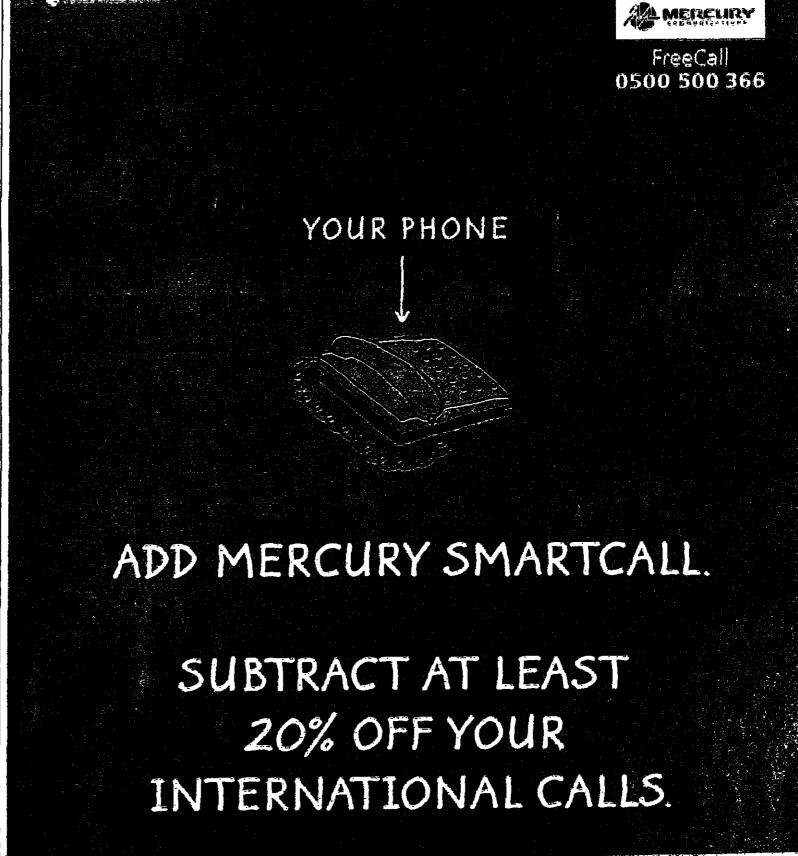
Dems wear what they want to,

so they're bloody well going to die when they want to. Got it? If death does not intimidate them, nor will the army of spindoctors, image-consultants and speech-writers to tailor their public utterances to appeal to the television cameras or, in-

deed, the audience in the hall. This was exemplified, in a day of worthy and slightly eccentric utterances, by the presidential address of Robert Maclennan. MP for the far-flung crofts and bothies of Caithness and Sutherland.

Bob is not a natural orator. Indeed, he is almost an unnatural orator. From Cromwell he took us to Louis XIV. from Browning to Camus, from Ed-vard Munch to Freddie Kruger. This discursive and un-

themed journey was undertaken in a soft, prim and high-pitched, slightly camp voice, as though by a female im-personator who had not had time to get changed into his wig and pinafore. It was a pure delight, and could not have been delivered anywhere else. That is a Liberal Democrat.



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REBECCA FOWLER

The sultry sarong queen who took to the highways in the film world's best-loved road movies, accompanied by Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, has died aged 81.

Dorothy Lamour had been ill for

some time at her home in north Hol-

She was remembered as one of the most glamorous sidekicks of the silver screen and a fine comedienne

Lamour appeared in a total of eight top-ranking films in the 1940s that took the trio to Singapore, Zanzibar, Morocco, Utopia and Rio and made millions for Para-

The slick, wise-cracking movies were once described by Hope as like a tennis game with Dottie in the middle watching."

Lamour in turn said of the films, in which she famously wore a sarong: "I was the happiest and highest-paid straight woman in the busi-

Hope said in a statement that was released yesterday: "She was a grand lady on screen as in life. She was a lady of quality, beauty and class, which always made me look

Lamour began her career singing in nightclubs and on the radio, and although the road movies including Road to Rio and Road to Morocco were a huge success, she never achieved stardom alone, always

acting as a foil to the bigger names. At the end of the 1940s, she settled down to life as a housewife in Baltimore, before making a brief comeback in 1952 with two films -DeMille's box-office hit *The Great-*est *Show on Earth* and another "road" movie, this time en route to

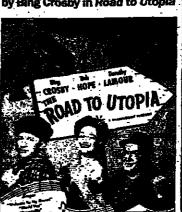
Michael Winner, who directed her in a cameo role in 1975 in Won Ton Ton the dog which saved Hollywood, was among those who paid tribute. "I had grown up with her in the sense that I had her as a pin-up wearing her sarong on the wall in my room at school," he said. "Then years later I met a very dig-

nified and sweet lady and she be-

came a friend of mine He added: "You could describe her as the Pamela Anderson of the 1940s, but with great dignity, and she was loved by everyone, young and old. But she was far from being just a good-looking girl in a sarong and was actually a very good connecticame as well. She will be sorely missed, she was a real lady and I have very

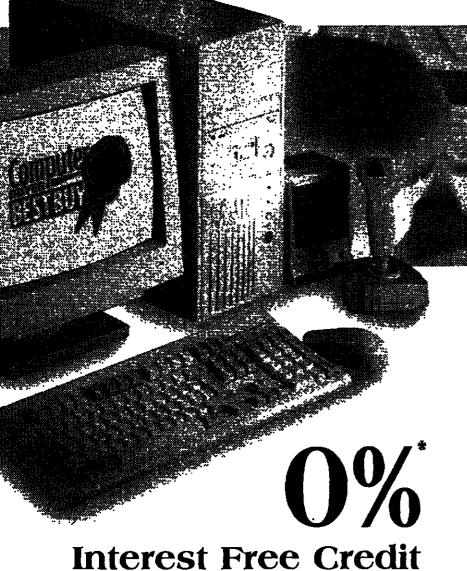


Road to Rio, and joined (below) by Bing Crosby in Road to Utopia



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Training chiefs beg be spared budget axe

ANTHONY BEVINS

A remarkable begging letter, in which the nation's youth trainers offer the Government their political support in return for the preservation of their threatened budgets, has been sent to Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, by the Training and Enterprise Councils.

The letter, leaked to The Inependent, shows the depths to which cash-strapped government agencies are being forced to sink in advance of Novem-

With the Chancellor under strong pressure to offer the Tories pre-election tax cuts, few government departments have any hope of fending off the

Treasury axe. If past trends are pursued, the trainers are in the firing line for further raids by the Treasury. In 1993-94, the Tecs got £1.861bn. By last year, they were down to £1.461bn, with hard-pressed Merseyside suffering a cut of £16 m and Tyneside down £15 m.

Against that background, the Tec national council desperately blows the trumpet of its own achievements in a cash bid presented for a meeting with Mrs Shephard on 30 September.

But it also attacks "the failure of the school system"; offers the Tecs' political support to "confound" Opposition claims that youth training programmes have failed"; and urges ministers to raid other "youth budgets" to sustain Tec spending.

Sir Garry Johnson, chairman of the Tec national council, tells Mrs Shephard that while the majority of sixth-form and college students have four or more GCSEs at grade A-C, the majority of Tec stu-dents have no A-C level GCSEs, and a tenth have no GCSE passes at all.

The letter says that all Tec achievements have been made against levels of prior attainment by young people entering Youth Training that are exceptionally low".

obvious failure of the school system with these trainees, they demonstrate they have real capability in a supportive workbased programme, with dropout levels only slightly higher than schools and colleges and achievement levels that are approaching those of fulltime provision.

He continues: "Despite the

But the most potent paragraph of the letter offers Mrs Shephard much needed - and totally improper - political support against Labour and the Liberal Democrats, while urger to rob sixth forms colleges to provide the Tecs with

desperately needed cash.
Sir Garry says: "Tecs and the Government working together have confounded opposition claims that youth training programmes have failed - and council intends to say so loudly over the next two months." The timing suggests a Tec campaign on behalf of the Goverament in the critical run up to the Budget.

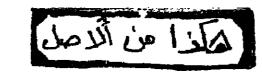
He urges Mrs Shephard to make cuts elsewhere, saying: "In our view, the Modern Apprenticeship programme, National Traineeships and the Youth Guarantee must all be able to respond to the demand that young people make upon

With more than 250,000 trainees on Tec courses last April, Sir Garry adds: "Participation is increasing and resources must be increased to meet that demand, if necessary from other areas of the Department's youth budgets."

Stephen Byers, Labour's training and employment spokesman, said last night that having suffered a £400m budget cut in two years, it was not surprising that the Tec bid was so desperate.

"What is regrettable, is the extent to which the Tecs seem prepared to offer up other parts of the training and youth programmes as sacrificial lambs in order to protect what is left of our training programme."





A high degree of success for the story of longitude



Photograph: Tony Buckingham

An extraordinary account of a carpenter who taught himself horology to solve one of science's most urgent problems how to calculate longitude - has become an unexpected pub-

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lishing success. Dava Sobel, 49, a former science reporter for the New York Times, has been astonished by sales of her book. It has been in the top 10 of the American bestseller list for more than 20 weeks and is now top of the British list

Simply entitled Longitude, it is the story of a Yorkshire carpenter, John Harrison, who invented a clock which allowed sailors to chart their geographical position on the high seas. In doing so, he solved a centuries-old conundrum which had caused the death of thousands of travellers and the loss

Marianne Macdonald on the bestselling novel about a carpenter and a scientific conundrum

of fortunes. Such was its importance that in 1714 the British government offered a £20,000 prize - worth several million pounds today - to whoever could solve the problem.

In simple terms, Harrison's clock allowed sailors to measure: to tell the time accurately on board for the first time. The earth takes 24 hours to complete a revolution of 360 degrees, so each hour of time difference marks 15 degrees of longitude: His clock allowed sailors to compare the time at sea (easily done at noon) with the time in London, or another place of

fixed longitude. Ms Sobel became interested

in the subject when she met Will then asked Ms Sobel to write a Andrews, curator of scientific in-book on the subject. struments at Harvard and for-

He was organising a symtheir position by allowing them position on marine instruments that Harrison's invention could and spirited me along," she said. work or to give him the prize.

"I was intrigued by his pasSpeaking on Start the Week sionate interest in the subject so I went along and I found the

Harrison story unbelievable." By then a freelance writer, Ms Sobel wrote an article, but nobody wanted to publish it until it was at last taken by Har-

vard magazine. The publisher George Walk-

She admits: "It is a title to merly in charge of the three Harrison clocks, H1, H2 and strike dread in the heart." Yet the subject gripped her - the battle of a self-taught genius against the scientific Establish-H3, in the Maritime Museum in ment which refused to recognise

Speaking on Start the Week yesterday, Ms Sobel said his invention was vital. "It was so important because sailors were dying by the thousands and because cargoes worth the wealth of nations were being lost.

"Latitude one can tell by determining the height of the sun above the horizon, but once out er read it, was fascinated and of sight of land ... your longitude £12.99.

is anybody's guess. It's quite sobering to realise that all the great voyages of exploration were undertaken against this obstacle."

Harrison decided to solve the

iongitude question, she told the Radio 4 programme. "He had taught himself clock-making and he knew of this problem because he lived near a major port. One of the major difficulties with having a clock work on board ship ... is dealing with the fact that a ship sails through vastly different temperatures and anything made of metal will expand or

"It was really his genius in combining metals which overcame that problem. It had never been done before." ☐ Longitude; Fourth Estate;

Martin Guerre comes back fig

The ill-fated musical Martin Guerre is to close. But four days later it is to reopen with a radically altered first act.

Sir Cameron Mackintosh has taken the "unusual" step of relaunching a musical within months of its opening in an effort to boost box-office takings.

Martin Guerre Mark Two will kick off with a new opening

number on I November. Despite six years of preparation and an expenditure of £3.5m. Sir Cameron's latest musical has failed to elicit anything like the response of its world-famous predecessors. Les Misérables and Miss Saigon, also written by the French duo, Alain Boublil and Claude

Michel Schonberg.

"You can't just turn on the tap and put a show on," said Sir Cameron yesterday. "Most shows evolve and in the old days they used to go out of town on the road for anything up to six months before opening on Broadway or in London. The kinks were knocked out of them then. Unfortunately because of economics we don't have the ability to do that.

One forgets that the norm is that shows often have to find their own way. Even Les Misérables took 12 to 16 weeks to really sell out and find its au-

Martin Guerre failed to impress the critics when it opened



plained that there were too few hit songs: others felt the show had "abandoned any pre-

tence at suspense". The story is already familiar to many people through two film versions. The Return of Martin Guerre starring Gérard Depardieu, in 1982, and Somersby, with Richard Gere

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at the Prince Edward Theatre in Soho last June. Some complained that there were too new version will not try to insert any of the film's ambiguity about whether the man who returns to his 16th-century French village claiming to be Martin Guerre is in fact an im-

"We're doing our own version of this true story," he insisted. "There have been several different versions of it. We are not But Sir Cameron rejected any trying to get closer to the film. comparison. The musical was All we're trying to do is do what

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ter," said Sir Cameron. Sir Cameron refused to divulge exactly how much money he was ploughing into the new version, but said it was "not nearly as much" as the £500,000 Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber successfully spent on restructuring the ailing Sunset Boulevard

in 1994. He admitted that it was rare

to make changes to a show so soon after its opening. have taken the unusual step of making changes before the end of the first year," he said.

"We all decided about two or three weeks after the show opened, once we'd got it on and had a look at it. Obviously, all decisions like this come from the actual authors. They decided they wanted to get to work straight away instead of waiting until the cast change at the end

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Parents asked to pay for A-levels

JUDITH JUDD

A sixth-form college in Cambridge is so short of funds that it has asked parents to help fund its £100,000 exam fee bill.

making cuts." The 1,600-pupil Long Road College says that Government cuts have forced it to make the the number of students in further education and sixth form appeal for contributions. colleges by the funds it allocates Most of the college's pupils to them. This year Long Road

take three A-levels at a cost of between £28 for each ordinary A-level and £50 or more for each modular A-level. About 100 also take GCSEs costing at least £15 each and 200 do GNVOs, (advanced vocational qualifications) at more than £80 each. So far parents have contributed varying amounts from £5 to £120.

Traditionally, neither schools nor sixth-form colleges have charged students exam fees but Long Road's funding has been cut by 28 per cent in the past three years as part of the squeeze on spending in further education and sixth-form colleges.

Madeleine Craft, the college's principal, said: "I am not at all happy. I feel parents are being asked unreasonably to cope with the reduced budget. We have asked people to give what they can. Some parents have not contributed anything

and I quite understand that." She said the college had made a number of efficiency gains. Staff had increased their

STILL 20%

forced to detoxify ease pressure on green-field sites. **Nicholas Schoon**

has offered places to an extra

100 students who are not fully-

funded by the Government.

The decisions to appeal for

exam fees was taken to help

John Sutton, general secre-tary of the Secondary Heads As-sociation, said: "This is the first

time I have heard of a sixth form

college resorting to this expe-

dient. It is symptomatic of the

desperation of principals and

heads looking for ways of re-

Until three years ago, sixth

form colleges were funded

through local education au-

thorities. Now their funds are

channelled through the Further Education Funding Council, a

Ngaio Crequer, of the Asso-ciation of Colleges, whose members include sixth form

colleges said: "It is a policy we

do not recommend though we do know that some colleges are

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facing great hardship."

ducing the enormous pressures

on their budgets."

fund those students.

working time by about 18 per cent - three and a half hours a Companies which cause dan-gerous land contamination will week - and students were bebe compelled to detoxify their ing taught in larger groups. "My sites under new laws. In some circumstances they could even fear is that we are now moving into a stage where we are not be forced to meet the cost of becoming more efficient but are clean-up even though they had long ago sold the land to some-The Government restricts

Ministers hope the new legal regime will remove the blight which surrounds tracts of derelict land in industrial areas and inner cities, and thereby reduce the pressure to develop green-field sites.

Companies will be

contaminated land in a bid to

reports

The Department of the Environment last week published guidance which is a prerequisite for the new regulations. It cov-ers sites contaminated with toxic chemicals and metals, or where rotting waste produces dangerous levels of the explosive gas methane.

Until now, much of the pollution affecting human health and life from such sites was covered by statutory nuisance laws more than a century old. Uncertainties about who was responsible for cleaning up dangerously contaminated sites. who would foot the bill and what standard of clean-up were required made many developers wary of buying such land and putting it back into use.

The new regulations will compel local councils to survey their areas and identify those sites where there is a significant risk of water pollution or threats

o people.
Once they do that - and there is no deadline as vet ~ the Government will at last have some idea of how much seriously contaminated land there is in Britain. At the moment there are only the vaguest esti-

But there are believed to be many hundreds of severely contaminated sites covering more



At last the clean-up begins on the filthy acres that blight the face of Britain

the most detailed large-scale surveys ever done covered Wales and it identified 746 potentially contaminated sites covering 16 square miles - the size of Swansea.

Councils will either reach agreement with whoever caused the contamination on how they should remove the threat or. failing that, order them to do so. dard than playing fields or car are expected to be "orphan dicted a patchy response from

If the company or the individual responsible refused, then the council can get the work done itself and claim the money back.

The clean-up will have to be the bare minimum required for whatever use is planned for the site. Thus housing and shopping centre land will have to be detoxified to a higher stan-

parks. A company which caused contamination but then sold the land on will not be liable for the clean-up costs if the purchaser knew about the likely problems when the site was bought. Instead the new owner will

take on this responsibility. Dozens of the contaminated

sites", where whoever caused the contamination cannot be traced, has ceased to trade or cannot afford to pay. Councils will have to rely on central government grants to deal with such sites.

David Cuckson, a solicitor with a City firm who specialissites which require remediation - es in environmental law, pre-

councils under the new regime. Some are keen to do something about contaminated land. others don't see it as having any

The problem for councils is that, having made the effort and identified problem sites, they might end up not being able to

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vironment spokesman, said a Labour government would consider changing the sentencing regime and bringing in a minimum fine for water pollution. Labour has obtained details of 240 prosecutions since the in-

dustry's 1989 privatisation from

a month, but there have already been 28 prosecutions this year compared with 31 in the whole of last year and 25 in 1994. The figures show the great majority of prosecutions arise

from effluent from sewage works and are dealt with by magistrates with fines of a few thousand pounds. Fines above £10,000 have been rare. "Clear-

ly the water companies are not sufficiently embarrassed to take these pollution offences seriously," said Mr Dobson. "They have shown they are not prepared to give sufficient priority to ending these incidents.

"In other words, pollution is the cheaper option. This has got to be stopped ... heavier fines are the only answer."

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Trent, Britain's second largest water company, received the largest ever fine for a water company. A judge at Cardiff Crown Court fined it £175,000 with £44,000 costs and compensation after chemicals from Rhayader, Powys, killed thou-sands of fish along one of the showed a sharp improvement in the quality of river water across.

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Yeltsin keeps Russia in limbo

PHIL REEVES

The Kremlin carried on with its measy. Soviet-style silence over the health of Boris Yeltsin yesterday, as the world waited to discover whether he is fit enough to go ahead with a heart bypass operation, or whether his second term in office will fizzle out almost before it has started.

The Russian President's team of surgeons will meet tomorrow to discuss the next stage in his preparation for surgery, following revelations by their leader, Renat Akchurin, that it could be postponed for up to two months, or even cancelled - such is the damaged state of Mr Yeltsin's heart.

Yesterday, they were joined by an 88-year-old renowned American cardiologist, Michael Debakey, who flew into into electing a seriously ill pres-Moscow amid continuing unident by officials who hushed up

certainty, both in Russia and the West, over the future of Mr Yeltsin's presidency.

There are ground actions

Concerns to the last at the had a third heart attack, shortly before they voted.

There are several options. The first is that Mr Yeltsin temporarily hands over power to his Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, and the operation goes ahead, in six to eight weeks time. Claims by doctors that the President is determined to have surgery ring true. Although given to stints of prolonged apathy, Mr Yelism is generally too active and too tond of power to be happily put out to grass. He will almost certainly be willing to take greater risks than most heart patients.

If the bypass is a success, he will resume office and Russia will stagger on until the next crisis, although it has been tarnished by the latest events. Russia's voters may not worry much that they were duped

Government skulduggery rarely surprises Russians, whose political expectations were destroyed by decades of Communist rule, and remain low, Moreover, most people have long known that the 65-year-old president was unhealthy, and a fierce drinker to boot, even if they did not know exactly how had his condition was when they went to the polls in July.

But Mr Yeltsin's political opponents, particularly the Communists, will have taken note. Their faith in the integrity of Russia's democracy, never great, was further dented by the media coverage of the presidential election, which was overwhelmingly biased towards Mr Yeltsin. The cover-up, in which most of the media collaborated, will only deepen their impulse to fight dirty next time around.

If the President does not have the bypass operation the picture becomes more murky. Mr Yeltsin, who has virtually admitted he will be incapable of governing unless he has surgery, will be under some pressure to resign from clements in parliament. His opponents will bran-dish Article 92 of the 1993 constitution, which says he must step down if he is "persistently

ed he must be for this to apply. But, even if he becomes little more than a figurehead - an ageing recluse, kept alive for his signature - there will be still greater pressure on him to stay on, from the West, which helped hankroll his re-election. and from his inner circle. Neither Mr Chernomyrdin or

incapable" of carrying out his

duties. It is, however, not spelt

out precisely how incapacitat-

his chief-of-staff, Anatoly Chubais, are likely to want another poll in the near future;

secretary of the Security Council, would probably win. They need time to allow the gener al's popularity to wear off, and for his fragile peace deal in Chechyna to fall apart. Mr Chernomyrdin would have a particularly delicate balancing act. He harbours ambitions of his own, which could suffer is be spends too long propping up a greatly weakened president, elected on false pretences.

But what of the Communist leader, Gennady Zyuganov, who came second to Mr Yeltsin in July's run-off? Yesterday, during a trip to the Council of Europe's parliament in Strasbourg, he called for the President's resignation, and declared his election as fraudulent because of the cover-up over the heart attack.

Yet this relatively mild burst of rhetoric may have been more for the benefit of his party foling only 15 minutes a day.

than a genuine call to arms. Mr Zyuganov also knows that Mr Lebed - a far more flambovant figure than he - is the favourite to fill Mr Yeltsin's shoes. The nationalist-leaning general is likely to undermine his own attempts to style himself as more of a patriot than a Communist. A second defeat, hot on the heels of the last, could do fatal

damage to the party.

This lack of appetite for another electoral battle suggests the country's political limbo could last for months, unless Mr Yeltsin's fate is decisively settled, either by the operation, or by his departure. Even if his surgery goes ahead, he will be out of action until Christmas at least. ■ Mr Yeltsin's press secretary, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, yesterday denied a report in the Financial Times saying that the

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Le Pen cries foul as his foes unite

TONY BARBER **Europe Editor**

Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of France's far-right National Front, accused the political establishment yesterday of trying to drum him out of public life after the major parties of right and left combined forces to prevent Front victories in two byelections. With Socialist and Communist support, candidates from the governing centre-right coalition saw off National Front challenges last weekend in the southern city of Toulon and in Chaville, west of Paris.

Mr Le Pen, who took 15 per presidential election but whose general nature. party has no seats in the Naare they going to do to me? Gas cific race, nation or religion. Mr me? Assassinate me? Machine-Toubon says this makes Mr Le Gang of Four?" he asked, re- racial inequality was "obvious" ferring to the four main parties and "a fact".

was bitter for Mr Le Pen, as his party controls the town hall there. Its candidate, Gérard Bauer, had a 12 percentagepoint lead in the first round of voting, but after the major parties united behind the government candidate, Philippe Vitel. Mr Bauer lost in the second round by 54 to 46 per cent.

The results illustrated the efa coalition of mainstream par- and to demand his resignation. I have been together for five years but the bride's identity was originally kept secret

French Republic and democratic values against extremist

Still, the National Front is far from finished. It performed better in Toulon and Chaville than in previous elections, and in another vote in Nice, a Front candidate topped the poll with 28.8 per cent in the first round.

The Gaullist-led government is, therefore, considering legal measures to silence the National Front. The Justice Minister. Jacques Toubon, has proposed to tighten anti-racism laws by punishing the circulation of "racist or xenophobic mescent of the vote in last year's sages", including those of a

At present, the laws covering tional Assembly, reacted with incitement of hatred apply only characteristic venom. "What if the offender has named a spegun me? What can they do to Pen invulnerable to prosecution, force people to vote for the even when he commented that

of left and right.

The Front's defeat in Toulon

Civil liberties groups said the proposed legislation was too vaguely phrased and could have the unintended effect of curbing freedom of speech. Charles Pasqua, the right-wing former interior minister, warned that to prosecute Mr Le Pen would merely increase his poll ratings. The Prime Minister, Alain

Juppé, described Mr Le Pen as "deeply, almost viscerally racist, anti-Semite and xenophobic". fectiveness of using "republican This prompted Mr Le Pen to front" tactics to shut out the Na- denounce the Prime Minister as tional Front. The term denotes "a criminal against humanity"



John Kennedy Junior, son of JFK, with Carolyn Bessette after their wedding in Georgia on Sunday. The couple

New wave of state corruption stuns the Italians

ANDREW GUMBEL Rome

Four years after the tangentopoli corruption scandals that felled a generation of politicians and industrial managers, Italy is coming to grips with a shocking discovery: graft, bribery, illicit book-keeping and clandestine power-broking are alive and well and lurking just beneath the surface of the supposedly

squeaky-clean state apparatus.
For the past week the country has been agog as magistrates have made high-level arrests and unravelled a web of corruption in which a handful of public-sector managers illegally raked millions of pounds off state assets through a compli-cated system of bribery and

insider trading.
First to be slapped into custody was Lorenzo Necci, head of the state railway company and long deemed so far above masonic lodge; Pierfrancesco suspicion that his name was

as a possible super-minister in charge of transport and public works contracts.

The evidence gathered by the magistrates suggests Mr Necci was at the centre of a multi-million pound racket to make money from state contracts, especially arms sales to the Third World, as well as illegal share transactions involving up to 150 companies created with capital from the state railway. He has already admitted taking a kickback of around £8,000

each mouth. His fellow detainees include Pierfrancesco Pacini Battaglia, a shady financier whose Geneva bank, the Banque des Patrimoines Privés, is accused of bankrolling the whole operation; Emo Danesi, a well-connected former Christian Democrat politician and onetime member of the illegal P2 Guargaglini, chief executive of

Melara; and two senior state prosecutors, Orazio Sava of Cassino and Roberto Napolitano of Grosseto, accused of accepting money to keep the judiciary off the trail.

The press has dubbed it tan-

gentopoli 2, and reporters have

been sniffing in eager anticipation of further scandal. In some ways this affair is similar to the one that brought down the old guard: the same technique for distributing money among key players, the same percentage, 15 per cent, demanded as a kickback for state contracts, and so on. Once again, the magistrature came across the trail of corruption almost by accident, by way of a routine investigation into stolen cars discovered on board a container ship in the Tuscan port of La Spezia.

The protagonists that have emerged so far got to know each other in the veual 1980s. through the same structures

bandied about earlier this year the arms manufacturer Oto that were exposed for rampant comunition last time around, notably the state energy company Eni and its various subsidiaries. Mr Pacini Battaglia was a key figure in the first tangentopoli, questioned in 1992 and exempted from prosecution only

because he spilled the beans on more prominent personalities. The fact that he is now implicated in very similar activities reflects what a poor job Italy did of purging itself of corruption; after thousands of arrests, millions of hours of interrogation and endless court proceedings, just one person has been convicted and sent to jail, the former Milan city councillor Walter Armanini. Even he is now out on day-release.

This latest scandal differs from tangentopoli in one important respect. Last time it was the politicians, especially the Christian Democrat and Socialist parties, who were at the ruption as a momentary deviatop of the pile of illegal pay-

ments: the new racketeers are more anonymous figures who have taken advantage of the political vacuum left by the col-

lapse of the old guard. That does not mean politicians might not emerge as coconspirators. Evidence from key witnesses in the past few days have thrown up the names of Cesare Previti, who served as defence minister during Silvio Berlusconi's 1994 government, and the Foreign Minister, Lam-berto Dini. Neither has been placed under investigation but the magistrates are broadening

their inouiries. One effect of the new scandal is that all debate on ending the tangentopoli investigations has come to a halt. Instead, Italy will have to reflect on the mistakes it made last time, not so much in investigating corruption as in ensuring its eradication. "We have always thought of cortion from the norm of Italian



Necci: Italy's railway boss is being held in custody

public life," said Pino Arlacchi,

a left-wing senator and an expert on organised crime. "We should learn instead to see the phenomenon as a disease whose effects need to be minimised over a long period. The United States and Hong Kong have managed it, but it took 20

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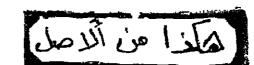
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The living proof of Rwanda's mass rapes

David Orr talks to a Tutsi victim of Hutu soldiers bent on genocide

Kigali — There are days when Leonille Mukamagyera says she would prefer to be dead. This 35-year-old is one of an unknown number of women raped during the Rwandan genocide two years ago. The baby boy she now holds is a constant reminder of the atrocities she suffered.

Testimonies from women like her suggest that rape was widespread during the genocide. Those abused were mostly members of the Tutsi minority and their assailants were soldiers or militiamen (Interahamwe) from the Hutu majority. Many women were killed after their ordeal, but a number survived to bear witness to the horrors which began in April 1994 and lasted for three

Leonille lives in the desperately poor Kigombe district of the capital, Kigali. Her home is a mud-walled cabin with a leaking corrugated iron roof. It used to belong to her brother, who was murdered during the early part of the genocide along with her husband, mother, four sisters and their children. She lives with four children from her marriage and the baby, born early last year as

a product of her rape. A crowd of children gather at the door of the cabin as Leonille begins to tell her story. She looks up from the rickety couch and stalls in mid-sentence, worried and ashamed that they will hear what she is about to lowing the liberation of the

say. A woman friend waves the crowd away and closes the door, plunging the home into darkness. A single, tiny window throws a shaft of light onto a row of cheap religious pictures pinned to the wall,

My husband was killed within two days of the start of the killing," says Leonille, her voice barely audible through the gloom. "I went with my children to an army camp, but we were turned away. A Hutu man invited us into his house, but chased us out after a couple of days.

"Then another one took us and a number of others into his house. He said he would have to hide us individually and I was led to a nearby building which was under construction.

Leonille pauses and frowns as if perplexed by the nature of the events she is describing. She stares at the floor, but eventually looks up and con-

"That night a group of soldiers came. It seemed they knew I would be there. One of them said, 'I am going to kill you. If you don't want to die, show me what Tutsi women are

"Then he took hold of me and threw me on to the ground. He forced himself on me and when he was finished two others took it in turns to do the same thing.

Leonille discovered that she was pregnant in the weeks fol-



Love born of hate: Leonille nurses her son Jean Ishimwe, product of a rape by Hutu soldiers in Rwanda

Patriotic Front, who went on to form the current Rwandan government. At first she considered an abortion, but then decided to have the child.

The plight of women like

published today by Human Rights Watch, an international human rights agency. Entitled Shattered Lives: Sexual Violence during the Rwandan Genocide and its Aftermath, the report is

regime whose hatreds caused and that thousands of women the deaths of at least half-a-million people and portrays the lasting torment of countless

urvivors. rels, held in sexual slavery or and their ethnicity. The It claims that rape during the sexually mutilated. "During the extremist propaganda which survivors.

country by the rebel Rwandan Leonille is told in a report a damning indictment of a genocide was commonplace Rwandan genocide," says the were individually raped, gangraped, raped with objects such as sharpened sticks or gun bar-

Photograph: Sarah Martone

report, "rape and other forms violence were directed primarily against Tutsi women because of both their gender

genocide specifically identified the sexuality of Tutsi women as a means through which the Tutsi community sought to in-filtrate and control the Hutu community.

This propaganda fuelled the sexual violence perpetrated against Tutsi women as a means of dehumanising and subjugating all Tutsi."

Victims of sexual abuse during the genocide suffer persistent health problems. The most common ailments encountered by doctors who have treated raped women are sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/Aids.

The number of children born to raped women is estimated to be between 2,000 and 5,000. Some women have abandoned their unwanted children or even committed infanticide, while others have suffered serious complications from self-induced or clandestine abortions.

"So many women have suffered like me and so many have unwanted children, says Leonille Mukamagyera. "Many of my neighbours shun me because they say I have an Interahamwe child. They are afraid he might kill them when he grows up."

The most pressing problem

she faces is that of poverty.

Aside from the small donations for food she receives from the Barakabaho Foundation, a local agency, she has no means of supporting her family.

Leonille has called her

son Jean Ishimwe. In Kinyarwanda, the Rwandan language, his name means "Thanks

Korean spy saga wrecks hopes of lasting peace

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Diplomats from Seoul, Washington and Tokyo will today begin a series of meetings in New York in an attempt to on the Korean peninsula as forces from the South hunt the last of a group of shipwrecked

northern spies. Relations between the two Koreas are at their lowest ebb for more than two years after a North Korean submarine ran aground on the South Korean coast last week while apparently on a spying mission. Twenty-one of the vessel's crew have been killed or captured in a manhunt that has also left three South Korean soldiers and one civilian dead.

But the greatest damage has been diplomatic: after several indecisive months, the submarine incident puts paid to hopes of a speedy settlement of the Korean problem. As recently as parties whose only important

May, there were reasons for foreign policy difference con-optimism. At a bilateral summit cerns Korea: the Republican on the island of Cheju, South Korea's President Kim Young Sam and the US President, Bill Clinton, announced a joint pro-Clinton, announced a property posal for peace talks involving respective Korean War allies. America and China.

Since food shortages last year, caused by heavy floods and a chronically stagnant economy, the North has been badly in need of outside help, and as recently as last week, officials were saying they needed "fur-ther clarification" of the proposal for talks. The US, South Korea and Japan have since discussed ways of making talks attractive to the North, possibly with the promise of further aid or diplomatic contacts. But circumstances have conspired to make compromise with the

North an unattractive prospect. In the United States, an election is being fought between two

presidential candidate, Bob Dole, has made it clear he op-poses aid for the North, while it would be disastrous for Mr Clinton to be seen cosying up

Japan has also been distracted by an imminent general election; and in South Korea the incident has played into the hands of hardliners who oppose

any concessions to Pyongyang. Yesterday, at the end of a visit to Sweden, the US Defence Secretary, William Perry, rejected North Korea's claim that the "spy" submarine was on a routine mission. But he stressed the need for caim.

The US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, will meet tomorrow with the South Korean Foreign Minister, Gong Ro Myung. In private, at least, Seoul is certain to call for a tougher line, and neither Washington nor Tokyo will be in a position to disagree.

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Beaten Kurdish chief warns of new offensive

Choman, Iraq-Iran border - "First we have to collect our troops. Then we will no longer stay on the defensive," said Ja-mal Mohammed, a senior field commander of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), at his headquarters in a narrow, easily defended valley in the high mountains on the Iraqi side

of the border with Iran.

Looking relaxed and not afraid of attack by the victorious Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), he said 85 per cent of his forces were intact after the PUK was driven out of twothirds of Kurdistan this month.

In the first interview by a senior PUK officer still fighting in Kurdistan since the defeat, Jamal Mohammed, also known

A commander tells Patrick Cockburn that the PUK is rallying its forces again

soud Barzani [the leader of the KDP] has an agreement with the Iraqi government". Sitting in a mud-roofed house at Choman, surrounded by heav-ily armed pesh merga (Kurdish soldiers), he seemed not to care if the KDP knew where he was; he said his position, down a track cut into the side of mountain, was too strong for him to be driven out. A neatly dressed man in brown Kurdish military uniform with a field radio clipped to his belt, he said there clipped to his belt, he said there had been fighting the previous day. Asked if there was a chance that he and his men might lay down their arms, he said any agreement depended on the KDP breaking relations with Baghdad. Otherwise he would launch a counter-attack.

Eight hours' drive away the previous day, the KDP, at its headquarters at Salahudin, had insisted that the PUK and its leader, Jaiai al Talabani, were a spent force. Sami Abd al Rahman, the KDP spokesman, said: "Talahani has only 2,000 men with him. He can only do something if Iranians support him and use their long-range

But the 3.5 million Kurds in northern Iraq still do not know whether the Kurdish civil war, which raged for two years, is over. The PUK suffered few caqualities because of the speed of

as Mamosta Jamal, told The Independent he and his men would fight "so long as Massoud Bazzani [the leader of the stronghold of Mr. Talabani; people said they expected more fighting. Abdullah Hussein Aziz, a shepherd, said: "The PUK shiple the stronghold of Mr. Talabani; people said they expected more fighting. Abdullah Hussein Aziz, a shepherd, said: "The PUK shiple the stronghold of Mr. Talabani; people said they expected more fighting. Abdullah Hussein Aziz, a shepherd, said: "The PUK shiple the stronghold of Mr. Talabani; people said they expected more fighting. Abdullah Hussein Aziz, a shepherd, said: "The PUK shiple the shiple the said they expected more fighting." Abdullah Hussein Aziz, a shepherd, said: "The PUK shiple the shiple t have a lot of men. Do you think

they will do nothing?"

In this vacuum the pesh merga of the PUK will be almost impossible to repress. But to make a real comeback the PUK will have to persuade the Kurds that Mr Barzani's alliance with Saddam Hussein during the war marks the return of haqi rule.

Abdullah Hussein, the shepherd we met, said: "We are scared that the Iraqis took Arbil and the UN did nothing." A young pesh merga to whom we gave a lift said he had joined the PUK the previous week, "because when I heard of the deal with Iraq I became angry".

The KDP portrays the PUK as the catspaw of Iran. This was denied so represented by the the

denied so repeatedly by the PUK pesh merga at Choman as to excite some suspicion. The village straddles the Iran-Iraq border and one villager was fording the river to visit the Iranian half of Choman, where an Iranian army tent was visible. The PUK pesh merga insisted that although their families were in camps in Iran, they had to give up their guns if they crossed the frontier.

The PUK pesh merga appeared baffled by their sudden retreat, but not demoralised. Majid Haji Ali, who said he had fought for 17 years, says: "If Barzani is ready to give human rights to everybody, we are its retreat and still has many par-tisans. In the isolated villages of eastern Sulaymaniyah province, if he expected to go home soon.

Sectarian strife racks Pakistan

Islamabad (Reuter) - Gunmen and several men with machine Muslim group in the Pakistani town of Bahawalpur yesterday hours after 21 Sunni Muslims died in a dawn attack on a mosque in the nearby city of Multan, Shia sources said.

They said two men on a motor-cycle shot Mumtaz-ul-Hassan, president of the local branch of the Shia Tehrik-i-Jafria Pakistan movement, while he was on his way to

evening prayers.

The killing appeared to have been a reprisal for the attack on the mosque in Multan, where gunmen burst in to the Majid Al-Khair mosque just after early-morning prayers. All those killed were Sunni Muslims. Hospital officials said many of the dead were boys aged 10 to 16, from a religious school adjacent to the mosque.

Witnesses said three black

The gunmen then fled.

Afterwards, Multan's normally bustling streets were deserted as police and paramilitary soldiers patrolled in armoured troop carriers and Jeeps mounted with machine-

By mid-afternoon the army had been deployed. Shia Mus-lims, fearful of retaliation, were gathering in a nearby mosque, witnesses said. A separate Shia mosque was burned, but there were no injuries. From loudspeakers on both Shia and Sunni mosques, there were calls for people to get their weapons and prepare for a battle.

Earlier this month, in a remote part of north-western & Pakistan, a week-long battle left 100 people from both branches of the religion dead, many of them reportedly decars pulled up to the mosque, capitated and left in mosques.





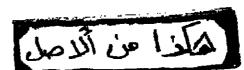
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Senate poll: Jesse Helms, crusty head of the Foreign Relations Committee, will be hard to oust

Scourge of the world sits tight

RUPERT CORNWELL Raleigh, North Carolina

Watch Harvey Gantt talk to a goup of working mums at the works childcare centre here, and it's hard to imagine that the hopes of the world are on his shoulders. Courtesy and charm personified, the former mayor of Charlotte is expounding on child tax-credits and kindergarten programmes, making his pitch to be elected Democratic Senator for North Carolina this November.

Mr Gantt happens to be black. But for foreign-policymakers across the globe, the real question is another: can Mr Gantt this year succeed where he failed in 1990, and defeat

Of the Senate contests this year, none will be watched beyond America's borders more closely than this one. Here it will be scrutinised as a pointer to racial and social attitudes in the old South. Abroad, though, only one thing matters: whether at last the US can be rid of the cantankerous chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, scourge of the UN, single-handed delayer of key ambassadorial appointments, and - not to put too fine a point on it - unreconstructed xeno-

Nobe.

On paper, this should be a ough year for a diehard con-



UN and of would-be envoys

servative like Mr Helms. At the top of the Republican ticket, Bob Dole is faring so poorly that President Bill Clinton could carry North Carolina. Old scapegoats are gone: the UN and aid-hungry countries in the Third World are pale targets compared to the defunct Sovi-

His health has been poor -many were convinced that at the age of almost 75 and after 24 years in the Senate, Mr Helms would retire - and he has an opponent who surely won't make the same mistake twice. "Harvey Gantt could have

won in 1990, if he'd run a better campaign at the end," said Seth Effron, editor of the state political newsletter the *Insider*. Then of course, he was derailed by a now-legendary advertisement showing a white hand crumpling a job-rejection slip, backing up Mr Helms's charge that he supported race-based job quotas and, only slightly more subtly, reminding voters that Mr Gantt was black. "He made the fatal error over negative ads: you either respond in 24 hours or you're dead." Mr Gantt did not, and Mr Helms in extremis turned a deficit into

a 53-per-cent victory. This time he is blending the new with the tried and tested. One ad depicts him with young girls on his knee, cooing about their cuddly, loveable old grand-

Another plays the race card: Harvey Gantt, it notes, is a liberal who supports gay rights and opposes the death penalty: "Does Harvey Gantt fit North Carolina ?" Translation: does North Carolina really want a black senator?

There are ads, too, telling of the federal money Mr Helms has brought to the state and of his support for the besieged tobacco industry, which accounts for nearly one in 10 of its jobs. "He's trying to come over as a genial old duffer? who does things for people," said David

Olson, politics professor at ly give as good as he gets, albeit North Carolina University. at long range. Mr Helms is re-"Meet him and he can be fusing debates ("I just don't Southern grace personified. But the flip side of Southern grace think the people care about them: it's just a couple of guys is Southern viciousness." And standing up there and being Washington's foreign-policynasty to each other.") More immakers know as well as North portant, however, is that North Carolina is more conservative Carolina Democrats just how cussed and vicious old Jesse can than it was six years ago, a fact be when the chips are down. which can only favour Mr Helms. Right now the old curmudgeon is leading, according to the Mason-Dixon poll, by 10

points and most expect him to

prevail in the end.

And in his elections, they usually are. Despite his seniority and celebrity, Mr Helms has never won more than 55 per cent of the vote. State political lore holds that 45 per cent love him, and 45 per cent loathe him. Thus, contests invariably hinge on the remaining 10 per cent, mostly white suburban voters whom, in a pinch, he has always managed to persuade to view him less unfavourably than his

This time a new ingredient is in the mix, 700,000 new voters registered since 1990, almost nearly two-thirds of whom are independent. Both candidates must woo the centre; so much so that Mr Gantt is doing a fair impersonation of that rediscovered centrist Bill Clinton. Caring, compassionate and a staunch supporter of women's rights, certainly - but also an advocate of targeted tax-cuts, and "old values" like family, discipline, and tougher punishment for violent criminals.

In 1996 Mr Gantt will sure-

Sudan denies bombing Uganda

Sudan denied that its warplanes had bombarded northern Uganda and said such claims harmed an agreement to normalise relations signed earlier this

The Ugandan Defence Minister, Amama Mbabazi, said earlier that two Sudanese MiG planes on Sunday dropped bombs, aimed at an army barracks in the north-western town of Moyo, 10 miles south of Sudan's border, but which missed their target. "We shall not sit back and watch while our territory continues to be violated. We shall soon respond appropriately," he Reuter – Khartoum

Simitis vows to change face of Greece

The triumphant socialist considered risc Prime Minister Costas Simitis film standards. vowed to change the face of Greece and bring the EU's poorest member in line with its partners. Bolstered by a strong election victory on Sunday, he said: "My partners and I have the huge responsibility of leading Greece into the 21st century."

Six killed in rocket attack on Kabul

Rockets hit Kabul killing six people and wounding 22, as Taleban rebels said they had gained ground east of the even be helped by North Car-Afghan capital. Kabul radio said the Taleban militia had sent dozens of rockets into who is cruising to re-election this residential areas overnight autumn. "There's a strain of votand during the day. It said six ers here which likes Hunt as people had been killed and 22 wounded. The Taleban has to kill the rats that destroy "but in the Senate they want tightened its grip on eastern of a drive to seize the capital, month-long drive, anyone pornography, or gay rights."
Which may be the salvation to oust President

olma's hugely popular Demo-

cratic Governor, Jim Hunt,

Governor," Mr Effron said,

someone who'll raise bell, be it

over foreigners, the UN.

Burhanuddin Rabbani and impose a strict Islamic order. of Jesse Helms in 1996, but less happy news for the rest of the Reuter – Islamabad

President leads in Armenian poll

The Armenian President Levon Ter-Petrosyan's supporters and his main challenger both claimed victory in a presidential election marred by allegations of fraud. The Central Election Comm said the president was leading with 56 per cent of the votes after more than half the ballot papers were counted. His main rival in a field of four, the former prime minister Vazgen Manukyan, had 37 per cent.

Actress found hanged

A movie actress popular for her cabaret dances in some 150 movies was found hanged in her house in Madras, southern India, a local news agency reported. "Silk" Smita, 35, had risen rapidly to fame for dances considered risqué by India's

Congress party has new president

India's Congress party elected the veteran leader Sitaram Kesri as its provisional president to take the place of the former prime minister P.V. Narasimha Rao. Mr Rao resigned on Saturday after a court summons in a criminal conspiracy case.

Reuter - New Delhi

Rat-catchers heaven

More than a million farmers fanned out across Bangladesh yesterday at the beginning of an annual drive nearly a third of the country's grain each year. During the who kills more than 10,000 rats will receive a colour AP - Dhaka

Tall lady launches crusade for hearts and homesteads

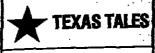
Anstin - On Saturday nights at the Broken Spoke dance hall. a country band picks and vodels through old hits by Hank Williams Sr. Patsy Cline and Bob Wills. Long-neck bottles of Shiner Bock and Lone Star beer are on the tables. Many of the couples dancing the Texas two-step or the cotton-eyed loe are regulars here; he wears books, pressed jeans, a western shirt and white hat and she wears boots and a dress with a flouncy skirt.

Their ride home in the fam-

ly pick-up fruck takes them tway from urban Anstin to the percending farms and ranch-S. When these and other ruril Texans think about the orthooning election of 5 Norember, they look for candiiates who agree with them on he primary issue of property

Goddammit, whose land is his, anyway?" is a common rerain in a state where the sancity of the "homestead" is 50 trong that banks are not alowed to offer a loan against the pty in a person's principal

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Elaine Davenport charts her state's progress during the run-up to the US elections

farmers and ranchers formed a group called Take Back Texas", when they felt they were under attack from the federal Endangered Species Act, under which landowners can be forced to preserve habitat for rare plants and animals or face fines. Farmers believe it deprives them of the full use of their land and reduces its value.

Enter Susan Combs, a tall Texan with the power as state representative to respond to their cry. She and other Republicans came up with Senate Bill 14, known as The Takings Bill. It provides for monetary compensation for, or exemption from, a state regulation if the val-Hilly a state of the state of t

passed in 1995. But it did not address the Federal Endangered Species law, which Republicans also want to overhaul. Texans are paying special at-

tention to the campaign for Congress from the 14th district, which is largely rural and runs south and west from Houston to the outskirts of Austin. Ron Paul is the Republican; Charles "Lefty" Morris the Democrat. Mr Paul, who already has served in Congress as a Republican and was the 1988 Libertarian Party presidential candidate, is gung-ho on property rights issues, saying it is unconstitutional and immoral to lose control of one's own land - as long as you don't interfere

with your neighbours.

Property rights are important in the election, but even they could be washed by water wars. The region is undergoing the worst drought since the 1950s. Parched fields are yielding no crops and no feed for livestock. Some rain has fallen in recent weeks, but predictions of a long dry spell have riveted attention on water supplies, the race is on to stake out rights. City mayors, county commissioners and state legislators, some of whose jobs are on the line in the 5 No-

vember ballot, will be in the

pump unlimited water from a big water-holding rock formation, the Edwards Aquifer, which stretches under most of central Texas. And that has focused attention on the fact that San Antonio, about 80 miles south-west of Austin, relies on the aquifer for water for its 1.5 million people. Austin waters its million residents from the Colorado River, which runs through the city.

Drastic population increases in Austin, San Antonio, Corpus

Christi and in Williamson County, north of Austin, are forcing cities and water districts to plan ahead. San Antonio is studying ways to run a pipe 100 miles to a point on the Colorado River rostream of Austin. Corpus Christi is planning a 120-mile pipeline to the Colorado River south-east of Austin. The Travis and Williamson County Alliance of Cities, composed of officials from the Austin region, oppos es plans to siphon off the Colorado River. They seek a bill to limit the transfer of river water, and which would force towns to prove they are economising.

Issues of land and water are as old as the hills. But they are being contested against the ideologies of individual versus societal rights, of unlimited versus controlled growth or no growth,



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Hollywood's "sarong girl" Dorothy Lamour made no claims to be a great actress, but few stars of the screen's vintage years are regarded with greater affection. She is remembered with such warmth for three reasons: as star of a string of juilgle pictures, clad in the sarong that was to become her trademark; as one of the four most popular pin-ups of the Second World War (along with Betty Grable, Lana Turner and Rita Hayworth); and as co-star with Bing Crosby and Bob Hope of the phenomenally successful "Road" films - only the James Bond movies have been more profitable as a lengthy sequence. Lamour was also a seductively sultry singer who introduced several song standards, and became an adept comedienne.

Born Mary Leta Dorothy Slaton in 1914 in New Orleans. she started performing songs at charity shows from the age of four and at 14 won a beauty contest as Miss New Orleans. Taking her stepfather's surname Lambour, she moved to Chicago and worked in a department store as an elevator-girl while trying to break into show business. Singing in a talent contest she was spotted by the bandleader Herbie Kaye, who signed her as vocalist and changed her name to Lamour.

In 1935 they were married. Kaye's former college chum Rudy Vallee introduced Lamour to the owner of the famed New York nightspot the Stork Club and she was signed to sing there. This led to more club work, radio performances and her screen début in a two-reel short, The Stars Can't Be Wrong (1936). Moving to Hollywood for a regular spot (billed as "the sultry songstress of the airwaves") on NBC Radio, she was given a screen test by Paramount and cast in The Jungle Princess (1936). As a naïve native girl, with only a tiger and a chimpanzee as friends, she rescues a stranded hunter (Ray Milland) who teaches her English and saves her from villainous natives. Lamour introduced a song hit. Frederick Hollander and Leo Robin's "Moonlight and Shadows", and clothed

only in a sarong, her long black hair caressing her shoulders, scored an instant hit with the public, who made the modest film a surprising smash hit.

Lamour's next role was a supporting one in Swing High, Swing Low (1937) but her song in it, "Panamania", was another hit. In Mamoulian's High, Wide and Handsome (1937) she again had a minor role but sang Kern and Hammerstein's "The Things I Want". The director John

Ford, preparing to film *The Hurricane* for the producer Sam Goldwyn, suggested Lamour for the role of Samura, daughter of a native chief, and Goldwyn traded his contract star Joel McCrea with Paramount to secure her. She again scored a great personal success and had another hit song with her recording of the film's theme tune, "The Moon of Manakoora".

Paramount, now convinced that Lamour and a sarong were a winning combination, starred her in Her Jungle Love (1938), as a native girl who rescues a strand-ed aviator (Milland again). He teaches her English ("What is this word 'Kiss'?" she asks him) and rescues her from crocodiles, an earthquake and a power-crazy villain. Though Lamour's jungle films were fantastic and formulaic they were colourful, amusing pieces of pure escapism which the public loved.

Now a top star, Lamour was borrowed by Fox to star with Tyrone Power in the gangster melodrama Johnny Apollo (1940). singing two fine songs with lyrics by Frank Loesser, "This is the Beginning of the End" and "Dancing for Nickels and Dimes", the latter performed in a fetching urchin outfit that Lamour hated. Paramount next put her back in the jungle for Typhoon (1940) with Robert Preston, another enormous hit.

Then came one of the most fortuitous pieces of casting in screen history. The screenwriters Don Hartman and Frank Butler had adapted an old script of Paramount's as a tropical adventure-comedy entitled The Road to Mandalay for Fred Mac-Murray and Jack Oakie, who turned it down. George Burns and Gracie Allen also rejected

it before the producer William LeBaron thought of Hope and Crosby, who already had a wellpublicised comic feud going on their respective radio shows. The tropical setting made Lamour the perfect choice for heroine. Retitled Road to Singapore (1940), the first of a legendary series went into production.

With the aid of their radio gag-writers Barney Dean and Monty Brice the two male leads were soon improvising material and ad-libbing to an extent that initially perplexed Lamour.
"I was trying to follow the script but just couldn't get my lines out," she said later. "Finally, I realised that I should just get the general idea of a scene rather than learn the words by heart, then go along with the boys." Said Hope, "Dottie is one of the bravest gals in pictures. She stands there before the camera and ad-libs with Crosby and me knowing that the way the script is written she'll come second or

third best, but she fears nothing." The mixture of ad-libs, asides to the audience and irreverent in-jokes plus the songs of Crosby and Lamour and wisecracks of Hope made the films irresistible. Though not initially planned as the first of a series, the film was swiftly followed by Road to Zanzibar (1941), which was even funnier and had the New York Post commenting: "Dorothy Lamour, ceasing her feverish efforts to become An Actress, begins to shine in a new

Lamour next partnererd Hope in Caught in the Draft (1941), proving again what an admirable foil she was becoming as she adopted a bemused. somewhat acerbic reaction to Hope's frantic shenanigans. She was reunited with her Hurricane co-star Jon Hall in the vividly coloured Aloma of the South Seas (1941), singing "White Blossoms of Rah-ni" and dealing with the wicked

high priests and an erupting volcano in another box-office hit. She followed this with one of the finest wartime musicals, The Fleet's In (1942), playing an aloof night-club singer whose heart is melted by William Holden, and introducing the Victor

Schertzinger-Johnny Mercer standard "I Remember You". Road to Morocco (1942) is considered by many the best of the "Road" films, its surreal pleasures incuding a talking camel and a version of the hit tune "Moonlight Becomes You" in which the three stars

sing with each other's voices. Lamour's role opposite Crosby in Dine (1943), a loose biography of the minstrel star and composer Dan Emmett, was a disappointing one in which she had no song solos, but in And The Angels Sing (1944), she in-troduced the Johnny Burke-Jimmy Van Heusen standard, "It Should Happen to You".

During the war, besides be-

ing a favourite pin-up of the forces, Lamour made many tours to promote the sale of war bonds. Road to Utopia (made in 1944 but released two years later) was another gem, this time set in the Yukon during goldrush days. Lamour had a further hit song with the Burke-Van Heusen "Personality" though she stormed off the set one day after waiting hours in costume for her leading men then finding they had gone to play golf.
"They always joked about my temperament after that," she stated, "but they never did that to me again!"

Two demanding roles - in an adaptation of John Steinbeck's scathing portrait of wartime hypocrisy A Medal for Benny (1945) and in Claudette Colbert's former role in an ineffectual remake of Midnight entitled Masquerade in Mexico (1945) - exposed Lamour's thespian limitations, but in My Favourite Brunette (1947) she again proved a splendid foil for Hope, while in the all-star Variety Girl (1947) she engaging-ly partnered tough-guy Alan Ladd as he made his singing

début duetting "Telahassee". When Paramount had announced that Road to Utopia would be the last of the series they received over 75,000 letters of protest, so in 1947 Road to Rio was released, another hit though it would mark the end of Lamour's golden period. Paramount were shedding many and as a freelance her films and performances met with mild response, though Slightly French (1949) was an amusing farce in which Lamour got laughs as a carnival dancer masquerading as a French cabaret star.

In 1950 and again in 1958 she triumphed at the London Palladium (the audience roaring its approval when she donned her sarong) and in 1952 played in two major films. She was a circus performer in De Mille's The Greatest Show on Earth - a small part but it included a brief Hawaiian song and dance - and Road to Bali, the sixth film in the series. Night-clubs and television were now her main professional outlets, but she was once more international news in 1961 when Hope and Crosby announced that they would be making Road to Hong Kong but (at Crosby's insistence) with a younger leading lady.

The public outcry that ensued led to Lamour being offered a cameo role which, with the encouragement of Hope, she accepted. In a generally dire film, Lamour was to have the brightest moment when, asked by the two stars to help them hide from gangsters, she listen to their summary of the plot so far then replies, "OK, boys, I'll hide you." "From the gangsters?" they ask. "No." she says, "From the critics."

Her feeling for Crosby was cool after this, particularly when he failed to use her in publicising the film. John Ford gave her a small role in Dongvan's Reef (1963) and in 1967 she had a great success with a lengthy tour of Hello. Dolly on stage. She published an autobiography, My Side of the Road, in 1980 and continued to appear in clubs and nostalgic stage shows (including a charity show in London a few years ago) until ill-health forced her retirement.

Mary Leta Dorothy Slaton (Dorothy Lamour), actress: born New Orleans 10 December 1914; married 1935 Herbie Kaye (marriage dissolved 1939), 1943 William Ross Howard (died



Julius Silverman

From the day he arrived in the House of Commons, Julius Sil-

verman was an issue politician. The first few sentences of a maiden speech often reveal a good deal about a person. Silverman began his maiden, on 13 November 1945, with a story.

Some months previously a woman had come to see him on his election to Parliament. She was a widow with three children. and her total income amounted to £3 15s per week. She was occupying two furnished rooms with the joint use of the usual household conveniences, for which she was paying a total rent of £2.5s per week. It was safe. to say that the value of the furniture in these rooms at 1939 prices was not more than about

Silverman suggested to her that this was a suitable case to be reported to the Public Health Committee for action under Section 10 of the 1920 Act. She responded, "No. because if you do that. I shall simply be thrown out on the street." The woman told Silverman she had spent many weeks going from place to place trying to find a landlord willing to take her children in, and she did not want to make the same interminable

round again. For the next 38 years in the House of Commons, and in the great city of Birmingham, where he was thrilled to be made a Freeman in 1982, Silverman effectively championed such people. Those were days when senior ministers had time and courtesy, and the respect for Parliament – to wait after they had spoken and listen to what backbenchers said, rather than trundling off to their department offices and television studios, Aneurin Bevan, whose Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Bill" Second Reading it was, warmly congratulated Silverman on his use of examples to illustrate general points. Un-fortunately Silverman's diffi-

well-informed content. sycophantic guff from gover- stocks and shares, or slum advancement." ment backbenchers that is all too often the currency these days. Silverman looked Bevan full in the eye in what is now the House of Lords Chamber and presented a case of a different nature. The tenant was paying £2 15s for a furnished house under a written agreement in 1943. In 1944 the rent was increased to £3, and in 1945 to £3 5s. The furniture was of moderate value, not too good and not too bad. In May 1945, the landlady decided that she wanted somewhere to live, so she came back to the house, and occupied half of it herself, in consideration of which the rent was reduced to £2 15s per week. Again, the tenant did not want to do anything about it, because there was a family of five, and they had nowhere to go, and no prospects of getting anywhere.

Few newcomers would have had Silverman's courage, five minutes into his maiden speech. to say that he wanted to ask Aneurin Bevan "what comfort, what consolation, and what aid" would his Bill bring to such people in the circumstances he described? Silverman told Bevan bluntly that, without security of tenure, the Bill had no teeth. "It is no use telling the tenant, as the Minister [Bevan] is suggesting, that, if he is turned out, the next tenant will get the benefit of reduced rent." Bevan was offering his protec-tion, and, unless people were prepared to report exorbitant rents to the authorities, Bevan's Bill, and one of the Labour gov-

ernment's flagships, would not go very far. In the mid-1950s, Silverman became arguably the most authoritative of all opposition critics on slum landfords and desperate housing situations. He did not overegg a pudding. His cases stood on their own

property, as an argument for exacting a higher rate of compensation for all stockholders or property owners. If the Conservatives were to accent the principle of a means test in respect of compensation, they would find a good deal of

Labour support. Silverman addressed the problems of the large local authorities. In the autumn of 1955, his own city of Birming-ham had 62,000 applicants on its ordinary housing register, and it was estimated that of these at least 44,000 families were in acute housing need. Many had been on the register for 10 years or more.

Along with the Shadow Housing Minister, George Lindgren, Silverman put the case for municipal building in the inner city area, and with a weight of experience was able to torment Duncan Sandys, and his Housing Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Bill Deedes. then an MP but later Editor of the Daily Telegraph. Dame Evelyn Sharpe told Dick Crossman in 1964 that in her opinion, as Permanent Secretary, Silverman knew more about municipal housing problems than any other member of the House of Commons. Faced with the infinite complexity of the Labour government's Rent Bills, Crossman often reflected that he would have liked the "clever Julius" as a ministerial colleague in the Ministry of Housing.

Alas, the timing was all wrong for Silverman, and timing in politics is everything. In 1945-51 he was new to Parliament and, I was told (by Crossman and Ian Mikardo), did not make the ministerial rank much less numerous than today - because "Clem, other things being equal, did not pro-mote members of the 'chosen

dent delivery did not match his merits. He attacked the Con-race' to ministerial position, in the same league as Julius Sil-

Silverman's father, Nathan, had come from the Minsk area of Russia, as a result of the Pogrom. Russian was spoken at home, and throughout his life Silverman was active in societies of all kinds promoting friendship with the Russian people. A fellow-traveller he certainly was

Parliament has had many a good chess player - Michael Foot, Bob Mitchell, Brian Walden come to mind - sitting of an evening in the chess room. under the pictures of Hampden and Pym, and a chess-playing photograph of Balfour and Bonar Law. But none of us was

Defence were formidable.

by the fact that so many of the teachers at the Central High School in Leeds were away being killed with the Green Howards or the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, Silverman left at the age of 16 to become a warehouseman and family provider. Jewish application and night-school study enabled him to enter Grav's Inn



Silverman: well-flighted questions

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Botvinnik and Smyslov he counted as friends. Disadvantaged by lack of English at home - being second to Russian and Yiddish - and

dia why the weekly Urdu newspaper National Congress, formerly published in the Puniab, had not been allowed to resume publication. Egregiously, Arthur Henderson, then Minister, told him that permission to resume publication, sus-pended in August 1942, was at the age of 23 and to be called refused on account of the newsprint supply position. Acerbically - in his younger days his contemporaries recall him as very acerbic - Silverman asked Henderson, "Did this newspaper not have a quota before its sup-

> terial wickets to fall to Silverman's well-flighted questions. Press freedom in India before Independence was one of Silverman's causes. Why on 10 December 1945, he demanded, was security levied against the daily newspaper National Herald? This activity was greatly appreciated by the Nehru dynasty.

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dia had begun before the Sec-ond World War when, as a

young councillor in Birming-

ham, he represented Indian

communities in his ward. In Jan-

uary 1946 Silverman asked the

Under-Secretary of State for In-

In 1965, the late Colin Jackson MP, my wife and I were invited to visit Mrs Indira Gandhi her British friends, Julius Silty. Another friend was anoth-

in Delhi. When we asked about verman topped the list. Her fa-ther, Pandit Nehru, knew him as a friend in times of adversi-

er Parliamentary Labour candidate, Krishna Menon. For 20 years, 1927-47, he had been the prominent secretary of the Indian League, of which he became President in 1947. the St Leger horse race was run for

His long association with In-

of MPs have cause to be grateful to Silverman for sowing the seed in the mind of the High Commission that they should have a quarterly "Curry Club Lunch for Parliamentarians at India House, presenting a valuable opportunity for a meeting of minds with officials at the High Commission, to say nothing of the superlative buffet curries which give joy to the legislators' stomachs.

It is an indication of the esteem in which Silverman was held that he was asked in the mid-1980s to contribute to the Centenary History of the Indian National Congress. In 1974-76. I sat on the Eu-

ropean Secondary Legislation (Scrutiny) Committee under Silverman's chairmanship. As a chairman, kind, businesslike (and superbly well-prepared and relevant), he was in the Labour superleague class of Ian Mikardo and Harold Wilson in his Public Accounts Days. Thirty years earlier, in May 1946, Silverman had visited Germany, and reported back to the Commons in the major Foreign Affairs Debate of 4/5 June 1946, opened by Ernest Bevin, holding the House for 1 hour and 34 minutes, followed by R.A. Butler, in which Winsion Churchill and Clement At-

tlee spoke on the second day. Silverman complained that we had 26,000 government officials running German industry, "an industry which the Germans ought to be running themselves, and which they are running on the other side of the Elbe". What, asked Silverman, was the mentality of our people who are running it? They were men, in his view, with high intelligence and a good deal of enthusiasm and interest, but were trying to solve the problems by applying methods of British

In 1935, he was selected as Three years before Menon's municipal government to of the traditions of municipal

> In Germany it was fatal, because the non-political civil servant was a reactionary and a Nazi. Before the impasse between West and East was active and complete, in June 1946, Silverman argued the case for making Germany a single workable economic whole by approximating the political system of the world on both sides. The alternative, as he saw it, in 1946 was political catastrophe on both sides. It was such sentiment that caused some of his: colleagues to suspect that he was a fellow-traveller. Actually he was a profoundly thoughtful hu-: man being, an increasingly rare species in today's politics, who over 40 years later was quite simply overjoyed when the Berlin Wall tumbled.

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In 1945, he had won Erding ton by 12,000 votes. In 1955 most of Erdington became Aston; in 1959 and 1964, Silvennan just held off Anthony Beaumont. Dark, later to become MP for Selly Oak. In 1974, Aston reverted to Erdington, and at his last election in 1979, Silvennan squeezed home by 680 votes or: a 1.6 per cent margin.

Silverman's contributions to rational discussion on housing, India, and the evolving situation between East and West were of greater significance than those of most Ministers of the Crown.

He was 54 when he married Eva Price, to whom he was devoted, and who gave him devoted care in his twilight years... Tam Dalyeli

Julius Silverman, warehouseman, barrister-at-law and politician: born Leeds 8 December 1905; MP (Labour) for Birmingham Erdington 1945-55; 1974-83, for Birmingham, Aston. 1955-74; married 1959 Eva. Price; died 21 September 1996.

BIRTHS GORICE: On 17 September, to Katharine (née Bentley) and Martin, a daughter, Anna May, a sister for Samuel and Lydiz.

DEATHS GILL On 21 September, peacefully at home in Colwall. Lee (Lily) Marie (née Northway) formerly of Ceylon and Uganda, a greatly loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Requiem Mass at St Wulstan's RC Church, Little Malvern, on Friday 27 September at 11.30m followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations if desired, to CAFOD.

PASCOR: Ernest, DFA (London) ASCOR: Ernest, DFA (London) FRBS RWA, of the Old Rectory, We-ston-in-Gordano (telephone 01275 848263), died on Saturday 21 Sep-tember 1996, after a sbort illness. The PASCOR: Ernest, DFA (London)

Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

issed by all his family. Flowers to alliday Funeral Directors. High

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Birthdays

Miss Svetlana Beriozova, former ballerina, 64; Sir Mervyn Brown, for-mer diplomat, 73; Professor Geoffrey Burbidge, astronomer, 71; Professor Terence Burlin, Rector, University of Westminster, 65; Mr Collin Cowe, former Senior Bursar, Magdalen College, Oxford, 79; Sir Seymour Egerton, former chairman, Courts Bank, SI, Mr Brian Glanville, author and journalist, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Alan Grose, 59; Professor Richard Hoggart, author and former Warden of Goldsmiths' College, London, 78: Mrs Catherine Hughes, Principal, Somerville College, Oxford, 63; Mr Robert Jackson MP, 50; Sir David Lane, former Chairman of the Com-mission for Racial Equality, 74: Mr

former Principal, Aberdeen University, 67; Mr Gerry Marsden, rock musician, 54; Professor Bernard Nevill, textile designer, 62; Mr An-thony Newley, actor, singer and composer, 65; Mr Richard Northeott, film producer, 49; Mr Richard Spring MP, 50; Mr Lawrence Urquhart, chairman, Burmah Castrol, 61; Sir Jean-Pietre Warner, former High

Anniversaries

Births: Geronimo Cardano, physician and mathematician, 1501; Albrecht Eusebius Wenzel von Wallenstein general, 1583: Johan de Witt, statesman, 1625; Horace Walpole, fourth Earl of Orford, writer, 1717; John Marshall US Secretary of State,

Rutherford Crockett, novelist, 1860; Georges Claude, inventor of the neon light, 1870; Leon Quarter-maine, actor, 1876; Sir Alan (A.P.) Patrick Herbert, writer and MP, 1890; Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald, novelist, 1896; Howard Walter Florey, Baron Florey, pathologist, 1898; Konstantin Chernenko, Soviet leader, 1911; Sir Andrzei Panufnik, composer and conductor, 1914; Dr Manfred Worner, Secretary-General of Nato, 1934. Deaths: Pepin III (the Short), King of the Franks, 768; Phillipus Aureolus Paracelsus Bombas-tus von Hohenheim), physician. 1541; William Lawes, composer, 1645; Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore, bandmaster and composer, 1892; Mclanie Klein (Reizes), child psy-

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the first time, 1770; in the United States, the Supreme Court was created by the Federal Judiciary Act, 1789: Sir James Brooke was ap-pointed Rajah of Sarawak, 1841; a Papal Bull was issued, establish oman Catholic hierarchy in Engopened their first "Penny Baznar" at Cheetham, Manchester, 1894; the Phoenix Theatre, London, opened 1930; the industrial estate at Harlow New Town was opened, 1951; the first Cinemascope film, The Robe, had ils world premiere in Hollyw 1953; the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered aircraft-carrier, was launched at Newport, Virginia, 1960. Today is the Feast Day of St Gerard Sagredo of Csanad, St Geremarus or

Lectures

National Gallery: Lynda Stephens, "Saint Michael (iv): Pierro della Francesca, Saint Michael", 1pm. British Museum: Delia Pemberton 'Views of Egyptian Afterlife"

Sir Anthony Parsons

A memorial service for Sir Anthony Parsons GCMG LVO MC will be held in St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2, on Monday 21 October at 3.30pm.

Jane Baxter A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Jane Baxter will be held

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Clarke's euro-credentials are yet to be tested

en Clarke's behaviour is startling. We have such low expectations of politicians these days that, when a Chancellor stakes his correct. Thanks to recession in Europe, and firms running down their stocks rather than producing new goods, growth slowed. Had interest rates gone are might have suffered a more subthat, when a Chancellor stakes his power and position on a principle (in this case, keeping the door to European Monetary Union open), we sit up with renewed regard. His bullish behaviour on Europe is doing wonders for his economic credibility too. After all, if the man will not sacrifice his faith in Europe for short-term political gain, presumably he will decline to rock the economy in pursuit of votes, as several of his predecessors did.

But we should interpret Mr Clarke's decisions with care. On both Europe and the economy, the Chancellor is pursuing deliberate and calculated high-risk strategies. His attempt to bounce his party away from destructive Euro-scepticism is admirable. However, he is taking too many chances with the domestic economic outlook. A responsible chancellor, or central bank governor, would put interest rates up now. In fact the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, yesterday any ised the Chancellor to do exactly that. Mr Clarke has so far refused.

In the short term he is bound to get away with it. But he is creating the conditions for a boom which we may all regret several years down the line. Admittedly the Chancellor's decision to overrule the Governor last summer by refusing to raise interest rates proved

up, we might have suffered a more substantial slowdown.

But it would be foolish to reason by induction. Just because the Chancellor was right once does not mean he is right now. With export markets now expanding, and firms having completed stock adjustments, the need to insure ourselves against a slowdown has eased. More importantly, it looks as though consumer demand is rising disturbingly fast. Retail sales are rising at the fastest rate since 1988. Consumer confidence is up, and so is borrowing. Right now, we are a nation of shoppers.

However, if the economy cannot grow fast enough to keep up, we will find ourselves in the midst of an inflationary boom all over again. Given that investment has remained so sluggish during the recovery, it would be surprising if British business could expand fast enough to match rapid increases in demand. Our previous boom-and-bust record suggests that the British economy is incapable of sustaining high

growth without inflation taking off. Mr Clarke, however, remains optimistic. He cheerily maintains that the economy can pick up speed without inflation rising, and he is choosing his interest rates accordingly. It is always possible that he could prove right, if the



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behaviour of the British economy has fundamentally changed in the last five years. If we remain sceptical, it is not least because we have seen economic miracles turn out to be mirages before.

The worst of it is that the Chancellor will be able to get away with his optimism until it is too late. Changes in the economy can be slow to feed through to our perceptions. Time and time again, we find ourselves in the middle of a boom or tumbling into a recession before we know it. This time, voters are understandably reluctant to believe the good times have arrived. Although the economy has been growing steadily

for several years, and consumer spending is accelerating apace, the feelgood factor is still fragile. Inflation is still low. house prices are not yet escalating, and unemployment has not yet fallen to its Eighties nadir.

So when Kenneth Clarke tells us there is plenty of room to manoeuvre. and no need for rate increases to slow the economic expansion, he sounds eminently plausible. The only trouble is that by the time everyone agrees he is wrong it will be too late to do anything about it. Interest rates take two years to have their full impact on the economy. Given that the evidence sug- of his precious single currency?

years' time, a small rise in interest rates soon, while the boom remains a twinkle in a shopper's eye, could prevent the need for drastic medicine later on. Sooner or later, should he stay in the

job, Mr Clarke is bound to bow to the Bank's advice and put rates up. Faced with overwhelming evidence of inflationary pressures, he should play the good Chancellor and raise the cost of borrowing regardless of the effect on votes. His position is too important to risk his entire reputation as well as the economy on the slim chance of a Conservative victory. The trouble is that political pressures will encourage him to delay as long as possible. The Conservatives will be relying on as large a feelgood dollop as Mr Clarke can ladle up. But with tax cuts no longer a votewinner, thanks to the dismal state of the public finances and popular cynicism about Norman Lamont's 1992 capers, low interest rates may be the only way of allowing people to feel well off, however temporarily.

Curiously enough, Mr Clarke's economic strategy over the next six months may prove the test of his European principles too. The prospect of a possible inflationary boom in two years may not be appalling enough to make him push up the cost of borrowing. But is he prepared to risk Britain failing the Maastricht criteria and ruling itself out

If we do not increase interest rates for the next six months, we could even jeopardise our chances of meeting the Maastricht criterion on inflation by 1999. So if Kenneth Clarke keeps rates too low, we will suspect that his commitment to monetary union is as tempered by political pragmatism as his interest in sustaining economic growth. The next six months will prove whether Ken Clarke is really a good European. as well as a good Chancellor, rather than just a clever politician.

The Tories led by the terraces?

Speaking of Europe, if a big British company was panting for a continental to manage it out of the doldrums, the Eurosceptics would be freaking. Arsène Wenger is by no means the first foreign manager of a top club, and judging by Chelsea's performance on Saturday under Rund Gullit's baton, such imports do not guarantee success. Still, it makes a wonderfully internationalist spectacle, all those north Londoners aching for Mr Wenger's arrival - as do the polyglot teams we now field each week. The national game is on its way to multi-ethnicity. If the lads on the terraces can open their minds to abroad, what about the lads on the Tory backbenches?

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Lib-Dems not 'some small shed ...' - P. Ashdown , 22-9-96

The nations of Europe can't survive alone

Sir: It would help to promote a greater understanding of the Euro-sceptic case (Letters, 20 September) if they would set out their constructive proposals against the following background. Most major industrial companies

in the UK strongly support the Et opean Union and many of them support the single currency. Europe accounts for some 30 per cent of world trade and has to operate with 14 different currencies,

The United States, although only accounting for 20 per cent of world trade, has the advantage of the US dollar being used in 40 per cent of world trade. The US, Japan and China. with their large populations, each have a single currency and thus no foreign exchange costs within their own borders

World trade is increasingly concentrated in a number of regional blocs and it is with these that Europe must compete in the coming decades.

The future of the UK and the Enropean Union in world trading depends critically on its expertise in high-technology manufacturing. This demands the highest possible skill levels, more investment and, above all, well-directed research and development. The swingeing cost of the latter is forcing more and more companies, which do not yet have a full European dimension in R&D. to link up with other companies.

The financial markets are assuming that the UK will not be in 'as single currency and believe that bur own we would be able ... ther to control inflation nor to maintain a strong currency. This has led to long-term interest rates in the UK being some 2 per cent

above those in Germany.

The real question, I submit, is how can any European country survive on its own in the 21st century? The anti-Europeans owe us all an answer. Sir HAROLD ATCHERLEY Chairman, Suffolk and North Essex Branch, European Movement Long Melford, Suffoik

Sir: Your leader (19 September) asserts: "There is nothing the Euro-sceptics would like better than that the EU should be split into a federalising inner core and an outer circle of 'free-trading' states." That is untrue.

As far back as January 1991, in a paper on European policy, I wrote: A two-tier or two-speed Europe is a most unattractive idea – we would be marginalised, lose authority and involvement and would not catch

One of my main objections to Maastricht was that the Government failed to veto the disastrous plan for EMU and instead simply opted out - thus reating the two-tier Community in hose outer circle we new enguish. The only way to remedy this is to insist that EMU be put on the agenda at the Inter-

Ciry-rumental Conference. Such a debate would address the ven serious umesolved democratic issues at stake" which you rightly mention in your leading rticle, and the question of the role process of EMU, which is wive threatening to divide the Maleolm Rilkind rightly

in Zurich. dward Heath and his pter, 19 September) doubt, describe unv retion of EMI and



betrayal of our national interests". Yet it was their generation which was responsible for the White Paper of 1971, which said: "There no question of any erosion of essential national sovereignty."

statement? I have put this very question to Sir Edward in the House of Commons and received no reply. Nothing could be a greater betrayal, not only of the trust of the British people but of the national interest, than to allow Maastricht's plan for EMU and the present IGC's plans for further integration to continue to divide the Community and undermine the national parliaments, which are the basis of European democracy. BILL CASH MP (Stafford, Con) London SWI

Sir: Professor Bush's assertion that the Euro-sceptics "are Churchill's true inheritors" (Letters, 21 September) is as unequivocally wrong as John Redwood's claim that Churchill wished only to helong to a Union of the English-

Speaking Peoples.
Both choose to ignore his
dramatic offer to France in 1940 that there shall no longer be two nations, but one Franco-British Union". (See The Community of Europe by DW Urwin, Longman 1991). The offer was not just based on the rhetoric of wartime but hacked with detailed study of economic ... political and military

co-operation". Later, some of those involved in the study of a Franco-British Union were instrumental in developing the supranational institutions that today make un the Furonean I Inion

Sir: The extract from Winston Churchill's speech referred to by Professor Bush (Letters, 21 September) is worth quoting in full. In May 1953, Churchill said: "We are with Europe but not of it. We Do they now repudiate this are linked but not comprised. We are associated but not absorbed.

statesman address us and say, 'Sha we speak for thee?' we should reply, 'Nay, Sir, for we live among our own people." Throughout his speeches. Churchill made it clear that he wanted a United States of Europe with Britain watching over it from the outside. He had no intention of deserting the Commonwealth. BRYAN SMALLEY Much Hadham, Hertfordshire

Sir: Once again the Tory right intone their mantra of the European "democratic deficit" ("Grandees are just dinosaurs, snarls Tory right", 20 September). Brussels may be bureaucratic

And should any European

and unwieldy. But what about this Tory government's own democratic deficit? Whitehall is not only bureaucratic but incompetent.
Power has been centralised in and veiled behind appointed quangos.

The electorate, especially the young, are increasingly apathetic about voting and the stock of MPs is in free fall. Is the Tory right really interested in remedying the democratic deficits, or are they in fact just worried about power being transferred out of their own grubby hands into someone else's? ND MARTIN-CLARK London WCI Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number.

British clothes losing unfairly

Sir: There is another dimension to the decline of employment within the clothing industry ("Job fears amid radical shake-up", 11 September). Less than 30 years ago the numbers employed were 1.5 million, whereas today it is 400,000 and heading downwards rapidly. Today we can no longer produce the clothes we wish to wear and the result is a balance of trade deficit even bigger than foods at some £60n - by far and away the biggest trade deficit for any product group including cars and electrical goods.

The textile industry is now hitech in spinning, weaving, dyeing and finishing, as are the clothing factories, due to sophisticated computer equipment. UK suppliers of such machinery, together with the employment they gave, have also declined, which with the car industry problems of the last 25 years has contributed to the general decline of the engineering industry. All this of course must be taken

in the context of the UK's genuine free trading policies over many years. Since most of the low-cost producer countries do not have reciprocal free trading agreements, the UK's attitude leaves us in a very weak position. Another 50,000 jobs may not seem much to you, but you would make a big fuss if it was happening in your own industry. Sir RICHARD GREENBURY London WI

The writer is chairman of Marks & Spencer plc

All clear after raids on Iraq

Sir. I am enlightened. The latest US bombing of Iraq, in the absence of a UN mandate, has answered many questions and clarified a few points about the five-year conflict.

1. If the Iraqis bomb the Kurds above the 36th parallel, it becomes imperative to bomb them in return, both at the site of fighting and 2. If the Iraqis bomb the Kurds

action is necessary. This is not to intervene in the domestic problems of a sovereign nation.

3. If the Turks bomb the Kurds in Turkey or in Iraq, it is imperative to ignore the issue – quickly.

4. If the Kurds bomb each other,

below that parallel, no further

t is of no importance. Therefore, Kuwait remains democratic, the oil flows freely at a cheaper rate and the Americans have a stronghold in the Arabian

Why is it that nobody is happy?
YOUSEF SHARAIHA FRCS

Swedish ban on smacking

Sir: It is misleading ("Sweden's rules on corporal punishment lead the way", 10 September) to suggest that the 1979 law against physical correction has led to only one prosecution of a parent for smacking his son.

While it is true that the 1979 civil legislation is rarely invoked, the courts no longer separate physical punishment from child abuse or assault and battery. They therefore invariably go directly to the penal

code on assault and battery. We are advised by Swedish lawyers that the legislation has in this way "resulted in hundreds of normal parents being harassed by the social authorities and prosecuted in the courts, sentenced and thus made criminals because they have smacked their unruly ANNE DAVIS

Families for Discipline Frinton-on-Sea, Essex

Hidden costs of intensive farms

Sir: Replies to Prince Charles's call for more natural sustainable farming methods ("BSE is an offence against God, says Prince Charles", 20 September) repeatedly claim that food produced intensively is cheap.

However, it is not cheap when the hidden costs of factory farming are taken into account - for instance, the cost of removing pesticides from the water supply. There is the cost of compensating farmers with taxpayers' money after food crises such as salmonella and BSE.

Most government subsidies go to intensive farming, with only a timy fraction to help natural organic farming. When all is taken into account chemical farming is not cheap at all.

Two wheels no laughing matter

Sir: What a shame that your article "Ashdown's Angels want a twowheel nation" (21 September) chose to make light of a serious attempt to promote two-wheeled transport as part of a solution to

free our grid-locked city centres. Two wheels doesn't just mean big, powerful motorcycles - in this context, the emphasis should be on motorised bicycles, mopeds, scooters and low-capacity commuters. The tiny amount of fuel used is dedicated to transporting only their riders, of metal and plastics. Ride a 50cc scooter anywhere in London and you'll get to your destination in, on average, a quarter of the time.

Furthermore, the accident figures you quote are misleading – of course you are more vulnerable than in a huge metal box, and nothing can change that. However, better training and awareness have lowered the number of accidents involving two-wheelers and, crucially, you failed to mention that the vast majority of such accidents

are caused by cars.

Besides, it's hard to suppress a smile when you realise that you only need to fill up once a month instead of every few days. DICK POWELL London W14

Proper nursery care is fine

Sir: I am very sorry that the conclusions of our study concerning early group care have been somewhat misunderstood "How nursery breeds bad

behaviour", 13 September). This might give rise to unjustified anxiety in some mothers who use good day-care centres for their babies, and to a deprecation of the work of many excellent caregivers. Moreover, while our findings agree with the results of some researches conducted in the USA, they disagree with other studies conducted in Europe.

In particular, we stressed in our caper that some undesirable outcomes of early group care seems to occur for some children who spend too much time (eight or more hours per day) in the centre, who start group care in the first or early in the second year and who are

emotionally more weak.
When there is not an abuse of day care, when its quality is good and parents are able to establish warm relationships with their

children coming back home, positive outcomes may be found. Both my son and my grandchild attended a good day care centre, and have grown well. DARIO VĂRIN Professor of Developmental

Psychology State University of Milan

Logical benefit Sir: There is an arguable but

politically unpopular logic to replacing the current child benefit system with a means-tested benefit payable only to mothers on lower incomes: there is no logic to a partial replacement ("Labour drops over-16 benefit", 21 September). As most parents of older hildren would confirm, the cost of looking after teenagers increases

exponentially with age. My vote will go to the political party that

After sampling the Globe theatre's experimental season Victoria McKee finds that there's not much of use to be learned about Shakespeare just from staging his plays in a theme park playhouse



How does our play please you?

is here, but yet confused", (Othello, Act II scene I) would be a charitable epi-logue to the "prologue season" of the pseudo-Elizabethan theatre on the banks of the Thames known as Shake-speare's Globe. Since the threeweek season ended on 15 September, the Globe's artistic directorate has been pondering and pontificating, and today architects and academics will be meeting to analyse the lessons of debriefing scheduled for next Monday.

"O brave new world" - of insights into Elizabethan drama - or just a very "wooden O"? That is the question: whether it will prove nobler than a theme theatre, where tourists on tight itineraries can pack in some Shakespeare in a suitably olde worlde setting without having to make the time-consuming trip to Strat-

Let's forget the building, which has already been oft marvelled at. It is admirably fashioned of solid English oak and a lime and goat-hair plaster that will contract and settle with it, and is as splendid as anything can be that has been designed by a committee. (Our eyes would probably prefer the stage area to be plain tumbered like the rest of the theatre, but the committee of academics who suggested the garish gilding, faux marble pilstill, are planning to spoil the simplicity of the rest.)

What will we learn from the building about the plays of Shakespeare and his contemporaries that is unique? Actors seem more charitably disposed to the project so far than leading academics, and Shakespeare did caution against making the judicious grieve ("the censure of the which one must, in your allowance, outweigh a whole theatre of others").

Professor Andrew Gurr, an expert on the Elizabethan stage who is chairman of the Globe's "academic committee" feels that "we've learnt more about what shouldn't be done than what should, and can give good reasons why. "The unadventurous production [of the prologue season], the fact that it was staged as if for a proscenium theatre, the incongruity of the modern costuming ...' lars and figurative reliefs insist Julian Glover, on the artistic general mood was very positive, and we came away with an absolute commitment to open officially next year with a proper season. Personally, I've

got a lust to work in it!" Undoubtedly, the construc-tion of what will become the 'International Shakespeare Globe Centre" has fulfilled the promise of the film Field of Dreams: "If you build it, they will come." Audiences have been large and enthusiastic and

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many performances have sold out. The average was 96 per cent capacity over the run of The Two Gentlemen of Verona,. which wouldn't be the greatest draw even with an all-star cast (which this fledgling-Globe company isn't) or the pulling power of the Royal Shakespeare Company behind it.

"Two Gentlemen is the slightest of Shakespeare's plays," says the Shakespeare scholar

his list goes – justifiably – on and on. But the actor/director tor of the Shakespeare Institute of the University of Birmdirector of the Globe, Like me, Dr Wells was not unduly impressed either by the choice of play or the performance. "It's a pity that they didn't attempt a Globe play," Dr Wells says. "Two Gentlemen, I personally think, was Shakespeare's first play, written in 1588 for a less sophisticated theatre than the Globe."

What should have been the

"two-hours' traffic of the stage" lasted for three because so much acting was done between lines rather than on them, and so many unnecessary tables and chairs were lugged about. As the American professor JL Styan pointed out in his seminal book on Shakespeare's Stagecrast, Shakespeare's plays were written to rely on "word-scenery" and "the visualising power of language" - which is what those using this new space should explore. Indeed, in the hilarious "rude mechanicals" rehearsals in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare mocks those who think they

The cappuccino cups and café tables, like the Paul Smithstyle linen suits and Lycra jogging gear, might have been fine on a bare stage but grated against the elaborate Elizabethan-style painted arras and the red marbled, gold-topped Corinthian columns. Why go to all the trouble of creating such a period piece and then not be true to period?

Styan puts it, that the stage could be "as empty or as full, as anchored or as shifting, as particular or as anonymous, as our fancies make it". That is what we should be seeing at the Globe - sans production, set, lighting or costume designers to come between the effect and it. Then we could explore how Shakespeare controlled his audience through the tragicalcomical-historical-pastoral transitions in his plays and the positioning of actors - and why certain entrances and exits

work the way they do. When there wasn't an interval (as there is, alas, at the new Globe), it was even more crucial to vary the pace, alternating crowd scenes with intensely personal ones, serious with comic. With no intervals audiences would, undoubtedly. have visited the orange-sellers or the cesspits or hailed friends during bits that bored them.

I sat through three performances from different vantage points: as a £5 standing "groundling" and a £16 posh

have to have realistic walls or moonshine.

nob in the middle gallery, and thou canst not then be false to with a £12 unreserved seat, any man." This theatre does and found the most interesting part of the show the audience. There was someone following the text in Japanese at virtually "every performance, Americans with Harrods carrier bags and British blue stockings letting their children stay up late to

savour the experience. The Globe's chief executive, Michael Holden, has warned that if any "Globe groupie", as The wonderful thing about Professor Wells calls them, Shakespeare as it was originally turns up in Elizabethan cos-performed is, as Professor turns they will be ejected from the theatre. The theatre's education officer. Patrick Spottiswoode, running an ambitious. year-round programme, agrees. That would be really naff. We don't want people to time-travel in the Globe. We want a real response."

How to make the response different from that of a pantomime is a challenge to which both actors and audiences at the Globe still have to rise. Shakespeare's audience "was not there to counterfeit its participation in the play, like that watching a Victorian melodrama. It was caught up in an act of creative collaboration," Professor Styan noted. Things have been too self-conscious at the Globe so far.
"If this is just going to be

another theatre space, then we probably don't need it," sighed Dr Wells as he left his backless bench with obvious relief. "I can't say I felt any illumination "To thine own self be true,"

Shakespeare advised, "and it shall follow as the night the day sides (on September 3) the bethan theatre.

not yet know how to be true to its own self. And why should it? It is a project that grew out of an American tourist's mistaken belief that Shakespeare's

Globe Theatre still existed in Bankside, and his determination to make his dream come true. That he was the popular actor Sam Wannamaker makes it a good story, that he died before it was completed makes it a poignant one, but is it like a tale told by an idiot, full of ing?
Professor Wells thinks it

might be. "It could be a great mistake to think that this was an ideal space to play. It may not have been! What works may not necessarily be authentic, and what is authentic may not work for us." Shakespeare probably longed for a stage without pillars to hamper the sightlines.

Yet it was undeniably intriguing to peer up over what is claimed to be the first thatching to be done in London since the Great Fire of 1666 at giant cranes, jet planes, and the tower of the Bankside Power Station which, when it becomes a new Tate Gallery in 1999, should further make the area a Mecca for cultural tourists.

Whereas for some performances of Two Gentlemen there was room to stroll about, sit on a shooting stick, bounce a baby in a sling or smooth with a lover, for the one-off performance of A Midsummer Night's scholar who writes on contemporary interpretations of Eliza-

packed they could only exercise their mouths and hands to cheer and clap.

The Northern Breadsides

production was perizips truest to the flavour of what Elizabeth theatre might have been like. The provincial company abol-ogised that it had just flown in from Brasilia (as arduous a journey as coming down from Stratford would have been in the 16th century) and their costumes had been lost en route. Having thus won the audience's sympathy, they proceeded to put on a stout and spirited rendition of the Dream which did not depend on costumes, scenery, sound or living effects for its am-

immediacy.
Perhaps the Globe would work better as a much-needed London venue for travelling players accustomed, like North-ern Broadside and the players of Shakespeare's time, to touring cattle markets and cider houses. But it must be remembered that Shakespeare's plays were also performed to refined audiences in the élite private theatres. Julian Glover, who watched the Dream from all vantage points, thought that "there was too much shouting in this production, and shouting is not the answer".

So what is? No one seems to know. "I don't think we've got there yet," Glover admits. "The theatre has not yet been used

as it was meant to be." Tis true, tis pity, and pity tis true that no one seems able yet to use the awkward space effectively. But why should we, when today we have the technology to build a stage like this without the two huge pillars that get in everybody's way? The pillars have been a co bear, and have already moved several times, to several different positions, as nobody is quite sure where they would originally have been. In Johannes de Witt's 1596 sketch of the Swan Theatre, the pillars are further upstage.

When the Globe's stage is finally set in oak - the current one is a mockup of plywood altered - there should be seats on the on-stage balcony, as there were in Shakespeare's time, as well as in the "gentlemen's boxes" at the sides of the

"We're not saying, 'This is the way' - we're trying to offer another way," says Mr Spottis-woode. "We're going to be trying all sorts of things, and will certainly be doing productions in Elizabethan dress - maybe some with men playing the women's parts as they would have - as well as modern dress

So if the Globe's first tentative revels have offended, think but this and all is mended. And remember that this is the realisation of a dream for which no concrete blue exists – as the original tipeac site is submerged forever beneath London's first, listed, concrete building.

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Some things are simply beyond words.. Dr Wordsmith writes: Not



Miles Kington

'm afraid our grasp of vocabulary is still not nearly as good as it should be - only this morning I heard a politician on the *Today* programme say "refute" when he meant "rebut", a mistake I have heard on that programme every day of my life - so I have brought our everpopular lexicologist Dr Wordsmith back again to help out with all your queries on the meaning of words, All yours, Doc!

always obey folk wisdom and put some boiling water in the empty pot to warm it up. Sometimes, though, I forget the water is in there, and without pouring it out first I put a couple of spoonfuls of tea leaves into what I think is an empty pot but which now contains tepid water! Which is very annoying, as you have to pour it out and start all over

common, error. Dr Wordsmith writes: You'd think there would be, wouldn't you? But as far as I can make out, there isn't. Have you ever noticed that

again! But I just wanted to

this, presumably very

know if there was a word for

when you are cutting a large piece of paper with scissors, something odd often happens and the scissors start cutting without being moved? You are happily snipping across an expanse of newspaper or wrapping paper and suddenly you realise that although you have ceased to manipulate the handles of the scissors, the blades are still moving through the paper and cutting with the sheer pressure of the blades, or your hands on the scissors. It's almost as if the blades are surfing through the paper. Is there any word to describe this sort of cutting?

Dr Wordsmith writes: Yes, I have often noticed that but never thought about it before. No, as far as I know, no word has ever been coined to describe the phenomenon.

We very often know when an electric light bulb is about to expire because it starts flickering very rapidly as if on the point of burning out. (Oddly enough, a bulb can keep up this flickering activity for several days, keeping you on perpetual tenterhooks.) It's not exactly flickering,

more a sort of electrical equivalent of stammering, or a very rapid turning on and off of a light. I just wanted to know if electricians have a term to describe this, because very often I have wanted to say to my wife: "Oh, look, that bulb must be on the verge of needing replacement because it's started to" and then I can never think of the word. Is there in

so far as I know. When you're peeling an apple or a potato, and the peel comes off not in little bits but one long continuous strip which can sometimes measure a foot or more in length, is there a word to describe that

long length of peel?
Dr Wordsmith writes: No. At least, I think not. Sometimes when we yawn it makes a very loud noise and sometimes it is totally silent. Does the English language have a pair of words that usefully distinguish between

the two? Dr Wordsmith writes: If it ever did, it does not now. For my sins, I sometimes have to attend posh dinners where there is an after-dinner speaker. This speaker, who is always referred to as the special guest even though he is being paid to be there, is usually introduced by another speaker who knows nothing about the guest except what he has skaned from Who's

In addition, this "introducer", as I suppose we introduced by someone else before him who gets up and says, "I now call upon Mr Joe Grimley, whom we all know, to introduce the guest speaker..." and Grimley ges up and says that it gives hith great pleasure to introduce a man or a woman he hadn't even heard of until two days ago, and even then it isn't

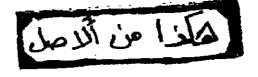
finished because after the ; speech, a man gets up to thank the guest speaker, a man who is so nervous about doing this that he hasn't even listened to the speech.... Dr Wordsmith writes: I

am sorry to interrupt, but is there a question coming out of all this? Yes. I just wanted to know there is a technical name for

the process of seating danner guests alternately male and female all round a dinner Dr Wordsmith writes: I

am not sure, but I don't think so.

Is there some aspect of vocabulary that learn bothered and bewi Just drop a line t



When Ikea sells Women's lib, it's time to move on

hat the modern woman needs is obvibut furniture. I know this because I have been transfixed by the Iban ad mink in the I by the Ikea ad with its revolu-tionary slogan, "Chuck Out the Chintz". All these years we've been worried about trivia such as equal pay and domes-tic violence when all the time liberation was lurking in a bit of flat-pack furniture.

As the ad makes crystal clear

radical reading no longer means Mrs Pankhurst but the Ikea catalogue. The ad by the groovy agency St Lukes features a protest song, "We're battling hard and we've come a long way, in choices and status, in jobs and in pay," which is sung while women of all descriptions throw out their flowery bedspreads, Victorian lampshades and old sofas on to skips. Revolution burns along this street with women marching arm in arm

women marring arm in arm spreading the message.

Free of these dreadful symbols of oppression, these newly freed women can recline in their stripped-down homes full of maple flooring and tasteful prints.

Using the language of political revolution to sell us products is nothing new. Liberation, freedom and revolution have been sold to us via cars and bras, cigars and sanitary towels. Ikea only makes this process more blatant, borrowing its narrative thrust entirely from some Seventies idea of women's liberation.

For those in the know the whole thing may simply be another example of Seventies retro; for the rest of us it is merely irritating. The women troop down the street in all their GLC-type diversity demanding change, throwing out the old and unpacking the new. Men are entirely absent and when the new homes are unveiled

they are full of women communicating intensely in their modern little habitats. Though these women may be waking up to their new found oppressed. Now, apparently, so were pelmets and pretty little bedside lamps.

Now we are positively dripping with irony, power they are not interested in recycling - that old Victoriana goes straight out the window. Having seen the rose-tinted light of Scandinavian Modernism they see the error of their ways:

'That sofa's so girly, so silly and twirly." What the ad connects up so cleverly is both the perception that female taste is innately prissy and anti-modern with the idea that femmism has achieved its aims and is therefore irrelevant except as a lifestyle accessory. Women clearly have to be coaxed into the hard and minimal lines of modern living, which is just too brutal. Ikea with its softened version of Modernist design it well placed to do it. That the Ikea catalogue gets more chintzy year by year, or that we replace the faux-natural chintz of Victoriana with ethnic artefacts or still secretly aspire to country living is neither



Suzanne Moore

Chintz is too girly, says the furniture retailer. But it's also telling us

that feminism is nothing more than a lifestyle accessorv

> kitsch and sex. We don't want chintz. We want tack. We also like our homes to look different om our grev, functional worki

It is more difficult to to define feminism these days because it is nomadic. The days of women's libbers marching around making demands are conjured up in this ad as ancient history. And they are. Yet if the problem with feminism was that it couldn't sell itself to "ordinary women", how come it is being used to sell them wardrobes? Perhaps the difference is that feminism still makes a lot of people uncomfortable by pointing out what is wrong with men. Ikea is the only institution that I can think of that makes us realise that there is something right with them. They are the only ones who can put those damn flat-packs together. But believe me girls, if liberation has come to this, you had better chuck it out.

Honest Paddy must tread carefully

By Donald Macintyre

nter today Honest Paddy, the Politi-cian who Tells the Truth. In his leadership speech in Brighton this afternoon, Ashdown will stake a claim to be

the one party leader prepared to elevate the coming electoral debate above the timid evasions of the two big parties.

This is an ambitious claim but by no means a baseless one. He has the distinction of being the only party leader prepared to declare his hand on mone-

tary union, the issue that will

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here nor there. If women are achieving more, then their homes should, it seems, reflect a more masculinist notion of

design. As a nation we do not

have good taste. Or not as the

design fascists would classify it. A visit to the Ideal Home exhibition will confirm that most people's ideal home has little to

do with space and light but

everything to do with plump cushions and pot pourri.

ever, that we understand the way

we should live even if we can't

quite manage it. Minimalism

requires maximum resources and control. Minimalism is

problematic if you have messy children around, if you have any

possessions at all, if you don't have a cleaner and if you have

to live in just the one house.

Maybe that is why in the past like has flirted with gay men as the shock troops of style that will eventually filter down to the general population. Its ad feature is the shock troops of style that will eventually filter down to the general population. Its ad feature is the shock troops of style that will eventually filter down to the general population.

turing Steve and Ben buying a table as, and I kid you not, "a

sign of commitment", again

managed to reduce sexual pol-

itics to pure consumerism,

something that the gay com-

munity has done quite success-

fully for itself anyway.

Feminism is harder to pin

down as sheer lifestyle. This ad

wants us to believe in some

Seventies notion of women's

liberation even though, with a

nod and a wink, it assumes that

we belong to a post-feminist era.

We have, it appears, achieved most of what there was to

achieve and now that we know

that interior décor reveals our very soul we must strip away the signs of old-style femininity. The discourse of purity did at one time occupy a central place in feminism; natural women

wore no make-up, kept them-selves hairy and wore natural fibres. Decoration and artifice

were male constructs to keep us

Social aspiration means, bow-

ninate the first half of the next Parliament.
The Liberal Democrats alone have been bold and long-termist enough to grapple with the environment - which will revive as an issue - and propose the levying of carbon laxes to pay for a job-stimulating reduction in employers' national

insurance contributions. On economic policy, Ashdown is the cuckoo in the nest, unique and not just in Britain, in being brave enough to chal-lenge the assumption that no Angio-Saxon electorate will vote for higher taxes. It isn't merely that he is prepared to contemplate a one penny in the ound increase in income tax to fund an extra £2bn on education. By continuing to emphasise the menacing levels of pub-lic debt, as their economic spokesman Malcolm Bruce did yesterday, the Liberal Democrats will rightly be a continual irritant to their rivals, underlining the fragility of their relentless commitment to cut

You don't have to agree with each individual policy to be profoundly grateful that someone is prepared to break the conspiracy of silence on much of what will matter most after polling day. But we shouldn't get carried away either. There is also quite a lot Ashdown will not be saying this afternoon.
There is, first, a minor quib-

taxes rather than raise them.

ble about the economic programme launched yesterday. Most of it – include pollution measures - is fiscally neutral. But because of the £2bn extra to be spent on education, it involves as a whole a modest increase in public spending. Nothing wrong with that. Yet at the weekend, in a tentative rightward tilt of the helm, Ashdown said that he wanted to bring public expenditure down to under 40 per cent of national income. Ashdown will make quite a lot today of the desirability of inter-party consensus to get through a programme of



Ashdown is making some bold moves, but his party may not yet be prepared to follow him all the way

11 de, do less than lony Blair, is prepared to say what he has in mind, his state shrinking agenda sits a little uneasily with the programme on which he

intends to fight the election. Much more fundamental, however, is the party leader's reticence about the consuming question of power and how to get it. On Sunday Alex Carlile suggested that the Liberal Democrats and Labour were moving closer together and that if offered seats in a Blair Cabinet his party should take them - a conclusion band-

ported vesterday. Swiftly the party response

comes back: Alex is a great chap but of course he's standing down. A bit demob-happy, you know. But that isn't so surprising since the sub-text of Alex Carlile's remarks is that the offer might arise even in conditions where Tony Blair, busily reasserting his Liberal antecedents, is not merely forced into coalition by a hung Parliament.

There is nobody who under-estimates the difficulties – not least the need first for Blair to

wholesale welfare reform. But somely endorsed in the poll we commit himself to electoral reform, second to sell it to a party who haven't waited 17 years to win power and then voluntarily share it with another party. But equally, few senior politicians in either party will rule out in private the prospect that as a bulwark against his own left wing, Tony Blair will invite Ashdown, Menzies Campbell, and perhaps a couple of others to join the Cabi-

net as part of a comprehensive deal even if he has a majority of - say - around 25. Carlisle is saying in public what many

senior Lib Dems, Ashdown

included, have contemplated

But Ashdown can't quite put it that way today, any more than he can elevate into a national principle the technique his increasingly effective party machine is applying in around 50 target seats – almost all of them Tory held.

The local election results in 1995 and 1996 suggest a remarkable increase in tactical voting - or intelligent voting, to use Ashdown's own preferred term. A recent study of neighbouring wards in Basildon - admittedly at the peak of the Tories' unpopularity - suggest that across quite a wide area voters uniformly backed the Liberal Democrats or Labour simply according to which candidate was the likelier to win. The campaign in Liberal Democrat target seats consists in persuading increasingly sophisticated Labour supporters that their only chance of unseating the Tory is to vote Liberal Democrat.

Unable yet to reform the electoral system, the party is seeking to beat it. What's more, every twitch of the electoral beast since 1992 suggests an increasing willingness to be tactical. But to encourage the process by launching a national crusade in its favour risks reducing the party's overall share of the vote - and with it the most potent demonstration of the unfairness of the first-past-the-post system.

These contradictions should not be misunderstood. Ashdown's decision to end the formal neutrality between the two parties and promise not to sustain a Tory government was in its own terms as bold as Blair's to replace Clause IV. But there are limits to how far his party is yet prepared to follow him.

In councils across the country something odd is certainly hap-pening, middle-class, golf-playing Liberal Democrat professional women are co-operating with diehard Labour trade unionists in running council after council And more and more of those councillors, frustrated with the limits of local authority power, are now seeking parliamentary candidacies. The gibe about the Liberal Democrats being content to be the party of local government is less valid than it was. But Ashdown will have to tread carefully today. Carlisle is right. Ashdown and Blair want co-operation if they can get it. But Ashdown's caution today will be a reminder of the difficulties the rank and file of both parties could yet put in their leaders' way.

OUR SERIES ON THE PEOPLE JOCKEYING FOR INFLUENCE IN THE LATE NINETIES

ed by a parrister who is married to a QC and surrounded and bolstered by friends in the profession, new Labour is to a striking degree a party of lawyers. And now, after nearly 20 years of patient waiting, the ranks of Labour supporters within the profession are dusting off their membership cards (or quietly renewing their subscriptions) and hoping for their due reward. Membership of the Society of Labour Lawyers has shot up to 800 in the past year, an increase of two-thirds. The Tudorbethan semis that line the leafy streets of Hampstead Garden Suburb in north-west London, where much of the Labour legal intelligentsia reside, are fairly

buzzing with expectation. Labour lawyers kept their heads down during the dark days of the early Eighties, when they might have been tempted by the SDP. Nowadays, when the tendency is more to keep one's mouth shut than to jump ship, there may be wry jokes at meetings about finishing before Jack Straw's curfew takes effect, and there are genuine anxieties about the direction of new Labour. But with some noteworthy exceptions (Michael Mansfield QC, Sir Stephen Sedlev, a High Court judge who has never seen any reason to disavow Communism), Tony Blair could not hope for a more loyal band.

Their hopes may be vague: a place in the Lords, membership of the proposed Judicial Appointments Commission. Their keenness stems from their belief that Labour-sympathising lawyers have a special voice, and one that ought to be heard.

At the pinnacle of expectation will stand Lord "Derry" Irvine, the QC with whom Blair served his barrister's pupillage. As the man most likely to be the next Lord Chancellor. Irvine may reasonably expect that he will finally east off his role as behindthe-scenes confidant and adviser. At least until Labour reforms the system, he will instead wield enormous power and patronage by recommending the appointments of the country's top judiciary and QCs, and ill be handed the right - without having riked his way up through the ranks of res - not only to sit in but also to preside the country's final court of appeal, the

of Lords.



THE NEW ESTABLISHMENT

Lawyers

New Labour is awash with lawyers, all waiting for their rewards By Patricia **Wynn Davies**

Recognition of some sort, in the upper House, on the bench or elsewhere, could go to the likes of Eldred Tabachnick QC, Irvine's number two in his 11 King's Bench Walk chambers and President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and James Goudie QC, the number three in the chambers, who has chaired the Society of Labour Lawyers for the past two years, and represented Labour in the legal challenge

to women-only short lists. Others with impeccable credentials include Henry Hodge, former Law Society high-flier and now deputy chairman of the Legal Aid Board, whose wife Margaret, the MP for Barking, is in the vanguard of the ultra-Blairites, and Charles Falconer QC, a close friend of Mr Blair who advised him

on the legal aspects of the Scott affair.

Debts of gratitude that Mr Blair must hope to be able to repay go back to the very beginning of his political career. Maggie Rae, a close friend of Cherie Blair and a solicitor with Mishcon de Reya, where the Labour peer Lord Mishcon still acts as consultant, could be one. A former Communist, she, with her husband Alan Haworth, the secretary of the Parliamentary Labour Party, was in the forefront of opposition to the the hard left in east London, where Mr Blair took his first step as a councillor.

Another Mishcon partner, Anthony Julius, has already thrust himself into the public eye by representing Princess Diana in the divorce court. When that case was finished, he joked that now people would soon forget about him. If Blair gets in, we may learn about him all over again.

There is no possibility of Blair executing a clean sweep-out of Tory appointees: he will have no choice but to inherit some of the existing players – the independent-minded Lord Bingham, the Lord Chief Jus-tice, and Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, for example. Neither of these can be dislodged on a political whim. In fact some lawyers, Labour supporters among them, say that that is a very good thing, given the self-confessed judicial conservatism of

Not all of Labour's traditional supporters within the profession stand to benefit if Blair wins: the radical rump are destined never to join the new order. As they see it, they have devoted their lives to fighting the anti-intellectualism of their own pro-fession and to developing a culture based on rights, only to be faced with the dumping of socialism. But among the far greater number embracing the new creed, the future glitters with possibilities.

Tomorrow: Think-tanks

Another brick in the bank

magazine published a league table of pop stars' and other entertainers' earnings in the United States, detailing the tens of millions of dollars that stars such as Oprah Winfrey, Clint Eastwood, The Beatles. The Rolling Stones and would you believe it) The Eagles still generate. Last year, an analyst did the same for British rock stars, using published company accounts. Sixth on the list was David Gilmour of Pink Floyd at a sliver under £5m. Tenth was Roger Waters, also of Pink Floyd before their actimonious bust-up in the early 1980s, at £3.8m. How do they do

Well, in the case of £643.75 worth of Roger Waters's princely income, I can tell you. The story goes like this. Last year, I produced a book called Tar. Comments in the case of the case The Pive Giants, a history of the welfare state since Beveridge, in the course of which I quoted one verse – one verse – from Pink Floyd's The Wall: the famous one about "Teachers leave them kids alone" to illustrate a point about education in

I also quoted lines from the Beatles Taxman, Lionel Bart's Fines Ain't What They Used To Be, and from EJ Harburg's Buddy can you spare a dime?

A quote's a quote. And for perfectly good reasons – if you ever write a hit song you may only ever write one - songwrit ers, like poets, expect royalties. So my publisher, HarperCollins, and I wrote off for permission, expecting to pay a fee. Duly, the letters came back. George Harrison (yes, he wrote Taxman) wanted £35. Lionel Bart £30. Harburg's publishers £47 for the line "They used to tell me I was

enough. Pink Floyd Music Publishers, on behalf of Mr Waters,

wanted £350! Surely some mistake. After all, I'd quoted not the whole song but one verse. No one was depriving anybody of anything. Indeed, if I was doing anything, I was offering up a little free advertising, to be paid for by myself.

My editors were equally horrified. We wrote back, along the lines of "you cannot be serious". It was gently pointed out to Pink Floyd Music Publishers that this was no potential airport bodice-ripper but rather – I use my publisher's words – "a scholarly history of the welfare state since 1940". We offered them £50 – a sum we pointed out would still be the largest single permission charge. No joy.

The paperback is now out, and Pink Floyd Music Publishers have been back to the trough. Another £293.75 to quote the verse in the paper-back edition - almost £650 in

But perhaps I should have known. Back in 1973, Mr Waters also wrote Money for Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon. Its lyrics include the immortal lines:

Money, à's a gas Grab that cash with both And make a stash

Don't give me that do goody-good bullshit I'm in the high fidelity, first class travelling set

And I think I need a Lear jet.

At the time, I thought Mr Waters was being ironic.

Nicholas Timmins

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Share prices fall on fears of US interest rate rise

DIANE COYLE

Share prices fell sharply on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday, overshadowed by the risk of an increase in US inter-

The FT-SE 100 index in London retreated further away from the symbolic 4,000 level. ending more than 44 points

Most City experts believe Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, decided to leave hase rates unchanged after his meeting yesterday with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. Although the meeting ended too late to be sure of the outcome, Mr Clarke was expected to turn down the Bank's advice to increase the cost of borrowing by a quarter of a percentage point to 6 per cent.

However, the balance of the decision in the US is expected to tilt in favour of higher interest rates. Two thirds of Federal Reserve governors were reported, according to a leaked Fed document, to favour an im-

mediate increase. If the vote on the Federal Open Market Committee today goes their way, it will be the first rise in US interest rates since

Shares on Wall Street fell flation-indexed securities will be sharply enough to trigger the New York Stock Exchange's The financial markets are curbs on automated deals. Within a few minutes of opening the Dow Jones industrials index was more than 50 points down at 5,838, although trading volumes were light because of

the Yom Kippur holiday. US Treasury bond prices fell too, despite a boost from confirmation that plans to issue in-

becoming concerned that a change in the interest rate environment will trigger the longpredicted crash - or "major correction" - on Wall Street. A growing chorus of analysts have warned that shares are overvalued, even as the Dow Jones index has headed towards the

pected, by a small majority of analysts, to raise rates by at least a quarter point because the US economy has managed to defy predictions that it would slow down in the second half of this

Even though there is no sign yet that inflation is on the increase, some economists fear that it is only a matter of time before an unemployment rate

The Federal Reserve is ex-ected, by a small majority of higher wages and prices.

The Bank of England's concem about higher inflation in Britain beyond the next few months, following the pick-up in the pace of economic activity, is shared by many City ex-

James Barty, UK economist at investment bank Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, said: "If the Bank called for an increase in

interest rates at this meeting. am very sympathetic. "But obviously the Chance?

for would like to avoid it if at all possible." Other European stock markets also fell yesterday. In Paris, the CAC-40 share index

The 30-share DAX index in Frankfurt closed down 19.06 at

dropped nearly 12 points to to

Anger as Heseltine considers removal of job safeguards

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

Labour yesterday warned that up to half the UK workforce could lose the right to redundancy pay and compensation for unfair dismissal if the Government carried out recommendations from its deregulation task force.

Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister, said yesterday that ministers were starting a consultation exercise to examine whether small firms should be exempt from some employment rights. Earlier this year Mr Heseltine had to shelve similar plans after the news was leaked

Legislation would probably affect firms employing 10 work-ers or fewer, though the task force said no decisions had been taken about how to grade businesses. In 1993 there were 3.3 million businesses employing fewer than nine people.

Workers gain employment rights after two years' service with the same employer. The new regime, which would affect only new employees, could raise this limit or abolish it.

head and former Conservative year. minister who works for the Morgan Stanley investment announced yesterday was to bank, admitted the job cre- cut the number of official sta-

Rebel Lloyd's names who

refused to sign up to the mar-

ket's £3.2bn rescue plan said yes-

terday they were to set up an

organisation which was expect-

ed to continue the fight in the

The United Names Organi-

sation is to hold its inaugural

meeting in London on Thurs-

day, and founder members

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British banks warned yesterday

that the worst possible out-

come of the discussions over

monetary union would be

Britain delaying a decision be-

cause of political disputes but

eventually signing up for full participation on the same

A joint paper by the British

Bankers Association, the As-

sociation for Payment Clearing

Services and the London In-

timetable as everybody else.

Financial Editor

probably at the radical end... there is a lot of latent employment that could be created by

very small businesses." Labour claimed the proposals would affect 12 million people by 2000. Ian McCartney, the party's chief employment spokesman, said 4.5 million workers last year changed jobs, of which the bulk, about 4 miltion, were probably employed by small firms.

"By the turn of the century virtually half the workers in Britain will have no employment rights. These are the kinds of proposals you get from dictatorships," he said. Mr Heseltine hit back at crit-

ics who claimed the deregulation initiative was little more than a propaganda exercise. He insisted the task force, which includes Asda boss and prospective Conservative candidate Archie Norman and the former Tory MP Michael Fallon, had made a "very considerable impact". So far 750 regulations had been repealed or amended and the target was to increase Francis Maude, the task force this to 1,100 by the end of the

The main concrete measure

Leaders of Lloyd's rebel groups

in the US and Canada are ex-

The formation of the new

group is the first public confir-

mation that the Lloyd's re-

fuseniks, as some describe

themselves, are likely to con-

tinue the war despite losing the

reached acceptance levels of

more than 94 per cent of its

Banks warn over single

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chain of events the bankers fear is a delay in a UK decision

The risk is that any delay in

to be drawn up in 1997 and im-

to beyond early 1998.

rency by 2002.

Earlier this month, Lloyd's

pected to attend.

biggest battle.

claimed it was likely to attract 34,000 names for the recon-

ation impact of the measure was not "scientifically provable". But he said: "Our instincts are tistical surveys which small firms have to complete. Roger Freeman, the cabinet minister responsible for deregulation, said a three-year "holiday" from official form-filling could save industry £17.5m by 2000.

However many small businesses were unimpressed by the rate of progress. Ronald Stallard, who employs eight staff at a Sussex plant hire company, said: "If anything it has made things worse. They're trying to get round all the reg-ulations which diffn't matter and in the process are creating more paperwork, not less."

The Forum of Private Business yesterday released figures showing the burden of red tape and tax rules had become as important a concern as late payment of debt. A spokesman said this suggested that the problem had not been significantly

The task force's second annual report included a collection of recommendations covering everything from regulations on factory machinery to controls over ear piercing.

Another idea under consid-

eration is to replace regulations with private insurance assessed by risk. This could cover the carriage of dangerous goods, inspection of driving instructors and outdoor activity centres.

More than 1,800 members re-

founders of the new grouping.

made clear that plans were be-

ing prepared to accuse Lloyd's

in court of fraud over the £8bn

He said: "We have the re-

sources across the board to

fight to the bitter end. It will be

real financial power going after

He would not be drawn on

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Sir William Jaffray, one of the

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Lloyd's refuseniks to continue battle in court

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Michael Heseltine: Deregulation Task Force has made an impact Photograph: Andrew Buurman

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join the organisation. A Lloyd's

spokesman said the claim was

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Sir William claimed that 5,000

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Profit warning puts Berisford under pressure

MAGNUS GRIMOND

The management at Berisford, led by chief executive Alan Bowkett, were under pressure from the City yesterday after a profits warning sent shares in the Magnet kitchens to catering equipment group to a three-year

The market was braced for bad news after Berisford said last month that workers at Mag-net's Darlington factory had voted for strike action, hitting production. But what stunned analysts was news that Welbilt, a US manufacturer of commercial kitchen equipment for the likes of McDonalds and Burger King, had been hit by a series of problems ranging from lower demand to difficulties with a new computer system.

The shares plunged 40.5p to 106p after Berisford said the setbacks meant profits in the year ending this month would now only be around £25m. That is below the £26.9m the group made last year, its first profit for several years, and well below analysts' forecasts of around £35m for the current year. The company's forecast that it would raise the total dividend by a half to 4.5p failed to reassure in-

The news means both the major acquisitions made over the past two and a half years to revitalise the previously lossmaking commodities group

have now turned sour. One City observer said yesterday it-would be "touch and go" whether the present manage? ment could survive.

"Magnet was what people were waiting for. But the prob-lems at Welbilt mean no part of the business is going well now. Two acquisitions and both have gone wrong", he said, "but at least Magnet was cheap." Given the net £26m paid for Mag-net, the £295m paid for Welbilt meant "the burden to do some". thing with Welbilt is greater."

Mr Bowkett, who invited controversy last year after making a paper profit of £6.4m on the exercise of share options, was putting a brave face on vesterday's news. "I think in the City its normal to over-react to good and bad news."

Magnet was currently running at 40 to 50 per cent of capaci⁵³ ty, but should be back to full stretch by the first week of No." vember, he said. Although the previous workforce of 375 has been dismissed, 70 have been re-employed and 100 new workers had now also started work.--The impact of deferred sales as: a result of the strike would be around £3.5m, although some of that would be made up by extra business in the new financial year starting in October, Mr. Bowkett said.

The US business has been hit by the "inefficient introduction" of a computer system.

FirstBus bid goes to MMC

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

FirstBus's attempt to become Britain's biggest bus company was put on hold yesterday after its bid for SB Holdings, the parent company of Strathchyde Buses, was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers

Commission. John Taylor, the consumer affairs minister, said yesterday: The acquisition raises competition concerns in the operation of the bus market in central Scotland which merit investiga-

tion by the MMC. FirstBus, formed by the merger of Badgerline and GRT in 1995, launched its bid for SB Holdings in May, offering £110m. The takeover of SB would put it ahead of Cowie and

SB Holdings was bought by its employees for £21m in 1993 when Strathclyde Buses was privatised, and the 3,500 workers were expected to enjoy a share-out of around £35,000 each for the 6,000 shares they would receive if the deal was allowed to go ahead.

time of the bid in May that a ref-

erence to the MMC was likely because the company already owned Grampian, Midland Bluebird and Lowland in Scotland. The local Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority had? expressed concerns over the takeover, particularly the potential it gave for FirstBus to have "excessive dominance" in

the Greater Glasgow Area. However, Mr Taylor stressed yesterday that he was only following the rules and "the deci-" sion to make a reference does: not in any way prejudge the, question of whether or not the merger would be against the public interest." The MMC

must report by 23 December. Stagecoach has already fallen foul of the regulatory authorities over SB, having been forced to

sell a 21.7 per cent holding in the company at the end of 1994.

First Bus is still in acquisitive mood and last month announced that it intended to bid for nearly all the remaining 12 rail franchises. It already joint ly controls Great Western with the management buyout team and is particularly interested if the ScotRail franchise but this There was speculation at the is also likely to cause problems with the Office of Fair Trading.

vestment Banking Association said this could be "highly displementation would have to ruptive for all sectors of the economy and expose UK fi-But bankers are concerned that with an election next year nancial institutions to real com-STOCK MARKETS

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The banks' paper backed the claim a week ago by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, that the City is likely to benefit whether Britain stays in or out of monetary union.

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INTEREST RATES

Caymans to take tough line on money laundering

PETER RODGERS

The Cayman Islands, the secretive Caribbean financial centre, said yesterday it had taken new powers to stamp out money laundering and seize the proceeds of crime.

ned to take the initiative and sue

Lloyd's to sue names who have

refused to sign up for the res-

cue plan, for recovery of their

a defence against Lloyd's claims

for the unpaid money, which

could run into hundreds of mil-

joint chairwoman of the new or-

Catherine Mackenzie-Smith,

Fraud would then be used as

The alternative is to wait for

Lloyd's for fraud.

lions of pounds.

The campaign to clean up the image of the British dependency follows sustained pressure since the 1980s from the US and the UK government, and is being carried out with the help of British officials.

It includes the establishment next January of a new Monetary Authority to combine the functions of the present currency

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board and financial supervi- which said: "This decision sion department.

The Monetary Authority, modelled on those in Hong Kong, Singapore, Bahrain and Bermuda, is being set up with the advice of Richard Chalmers, a Bank of England supervision

official responsible for liaison with overseas financial centres. The staff of 26 is to be built up to 40 and John Flemming, the inspector of financial services, will take over as head of the authority. His predecessor, Jennifer Dilbert, is now man-

aging director of Morgan Grenfell in the Cayman Islands. The tougher stance was welcomed by the Foreign Office crime.

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marks an important step in the Caymans' fight against international money laundering and will help to ensure that the islands are not used to hide or launder illicit proceeds." Although the Caymans have

A separate organisation called Friends of United Names

is being set up to accept dona-

tions from Lloyd's names who

joined the rescue plan but want

to encourage the rebel names to

Sir William, a property con-

sultant, also said a new foun-

dation was being established to

campaign against fraud of all types, anywhere in the world,

and he hoped it would win en-

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been a notorious centre for money laundering and brassplate companies, bankers say their record has improved since the late 1980s, when a Misuse of Drugs Law was passed.

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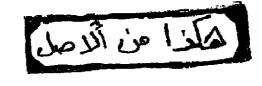
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If Britain had an independent central bank

base rates would climb by a quarter point to 6 per cent this morning. Would there be any suspicion that the election cycle

was more important than setting the right interest rate policy?'

A price to pay for holding out on interest rates be left to set standards through the policies they devise and the premiums they charge. It must have occurred to someone at the has the heart to do the decent thing and give it a proper burial. Like the Private Finance to pay in terms of policy credibility for a decision that many people will agree with the Chancellor to be finely balanced? After all.

t is easy to forget the closeness of the link between the level of US interest rates and UK base rates. This autumn looks like being one of those episodes when the paths diverge for a short while. It happened last in 1994. The Fed increased rates over there from February onwards. Kenneth Clarke opted for one more cut over here, until he reversed it in September.

If the Fed does increase the target Federal Funds rate today, as many analysts expect, while the Chancellor leaves base rates unchanged, the gap between the two will be the narrowest for more than a decade. This is likely to have two market consequences. First, the pound might come under pressure in the run-up to the election. It has been well-behaved recently, but a smaller interest rate differential will leave it vulnerable to a new bout of political uncertainty or the next EMU row.

Secondly, there will probably be a price to pay at the long-term end of the interest rate spectrum. Gilts have underperformed other government bonds, in the financial markets' verdict on the UK's inflation outlook. They will underperform by more if the Chancellor has, as expected, turned down the advice of the Governor of the Bank of England. This advice will not be public for another six weeks, but Eddie George is widely thought to have urged a cautionary quarter-point rise in base rates on Mr Clarke. Does it matter that there is a small price

ting the right interest rate policy? An inde-pendent Bank of England would need to be made politically accountable but other coun-tries have managed that. The case for the Bank's independence grows stronger with every day Mr Clarke holds out.

SUMET recovery.

is a dangerous one The trouble with Michael Heseltine's Deregulation Task Force has always been trying to decide whether it is a sinister attack on the rights of every employee and consumer in the land or an exercise in the utterly fatuous. As an example of inspired policy-making, it sits somewhere between the Citizens' Charter and Back to Basics as either

Heseltine's big idea

evidence on the economy is somewhat mixed, with industry lagging behind the con-

To see that the answer is yes, turn the question around. If Britain had an independent central bank, base rates would climb

by a quarter point to 6 per cent this morning. Would there be any suspicion that the

election cycle was more important than set-

a total irrelevance or a positive menace. But, as with all big ideas dreamt up by detailed regulations on the safety of indus-Cabinet ministers these days, nobody quite trial machinery, insurance companies would

Inititive, the deregulation initiative is dusted down every year, given a new lease of life

and relaunched on an unsuspecting world. There are many areas of commerce and everyday life where deregulation and liberalisation have brought huge benefits without undermining consumer protection or employee rights. Yesterday Francis Maude, who took on the chairmanship of the Task Force when he lost his proper job in politics (he used to be Financial Secretary) named a few of them. Deregulation, he said, had brought us Sunday tracing, all-day pub open-ing, better telephones and cheaper air fares.

This is all true. Sadly, however, none of this had anything to do with his Task Force. Denied the opportunity to deregulate in those areas of the economy that are the province of others, the Task Force is instead left to hack away at red tape in areas which are plain silly or plain dangerous.

Thus, on the one hand we have a proposal

to relax the licensing requirements on people who make a living out of body piercing and, on the other, a proposal to remove a swathe of employment rights from those working for small firms. The Task Force has also introduced us to

the concept of risk pricing as an alternative to regulation. Thus, instead of having detailed regulations on the safety of indus-

Task Force that this might lead to bigger premiums. Economy of thought was not, however, in much evidence in yesterday's outpourings. The Task Force might be committed to cutting down on paperwork but it still took four press releases and two glossy reports yesterday to creat what it is up to terday to spell out what it is up to.

No need for small investors to panic

A sked what he thought the market would do that day, JP Morgan once said: "It will fluctuate," He meant that neither he nor anyone else could hope to know where the market was headed in the short term. Implicit in his quip was the message that in the long run it doesn't matterhe would have lost no sleep over yesterday's

44 point fall in the All Share.
Since 1919, a time period long enough for even the most persistent statistical blips to be ironed out, shares have outperformed other financial instruments by such a wide margin that it is a wonder that anyone bothers investing in any other asset.

The real return of 8 per cent for shares compared to under 2 per cent for gilts represents a mind-boggling difference when compounded year after year for more than

three quarters of a century. It is a statistic that should be remembered while reading

that should be remembered while reading the panicky gloom-mongering currently masquerading as market commentary. For the long term investor, whether to be in or out of equities is an idle question.

The bearish stance being taken by Tony Dye of PDFM may well be borne out in the long run. But that is of little relevance to small investors. Catching the peaks and troughs is beyond even the best paid fund managers. For other investors it is a futile managers. For other investors it is a futile managers. For other investors it is a futile strategy. Apart from the sheer impossibility of timing moves that well, the cost of bounc-ing in and out of shares makes the exercise

largely counter-productive.

After the cost of commission on the way in, the effect of the bid-offer spread and the price of selling again, a share has to appreciate by at least 5 per cent, and often by much more, just to wash its face. Sensible investors, such as the American tax inspectors he are in 1945 with \$5,000 and died tor who retired in 1945 with \$5,000 and died last year with \$22m, buy and sell shares as infrequently as they can.

The trick in jittery markets like these is not to panic continue to buy shares in genuine growth companies with low ratings relative to their high and sustainable earnings growth rates. Look for the support of good cash flow and ride the momentum of shares that are already outperforming the market. Most important, stop worrying about the market which will continue to fluctuate, boy, fluctuate.

The Brighton Thistle.

*Lloyds TSB to cut jobs as insurance arms merge

JILL TREANOR Banking Correspondent

Hundreds of jobs are threatened at Lloyds TSB as a result of the merger of the group's TSB and Abbey Life insurance arms. But the bank said yesterday it was determined to expand its insurance operations and would consider further acopisitions in the sector.

Lioyds TSB announced plans last week to buy up the remaining stake in Lloyds Abbey ductivity.

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The Lloyds Abbey Life ven-Life, its majority-owned insurance venture.

Sir Brian Pitman, outgoing chief executive and chairman designate, said: "We are keen to go on expanding our insurance business. We think it is a growth market. If opportunities Bank Unit Trust Managers and [arise] to grow further by ac- Black Horse Agencies - with quisitions, we'd certainly be interested at the right price."

of linking Lloyds Abbey Life with the other insurance business it acquired through its merger with TSB last year. It aleral Insurance, UDT, the ready expects £50m of cost savings in the next three years by uniting the two businesses.

The bank is drawing up a management structure for the brought to the venture, mainly insurance business and has to decide which of its well-known brands to keep. In addition, more than 2,000

Lloyds Abbey Life staff and just under 2,000 TSB staff will be afreductions on a voluntary basis.

to detail the number of job

losses as Lloyds Abbey Life shareholders would not meet until November to approve the

Peter Eliwood, who takes over as chief executive next year, said the bank would retain the best of both businesses.

"Lloyds Abbey Life has excellent technology, superior to anything else we have." said Mr Eliwood, while TSB had an integrated approach to selling which gave a high level of pro-

ture was formed in 1988 when Lloyds merged its insurance businesses - Black Horse Financial Services, Lloyds Bank Insurance Services, Lloyds Abbey Life.

Lloyds TSB now has the task of linking Lloyds Abbey Life in the other insurance business it accomined the other insurance business and the control of the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the control of the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the control of the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the control of the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the control of the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the control of the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insurance business are the other insurance business and the other insurance business are the other insuranc ance units: TSB Life, TSB Genconsumer finance group, and TSB Property Service. Lloyds Abbey Life also contains the core business that Abbey Life Abbey Life Assurance.

Market sources expect the bank to spin off this Abbey Life business through a trade sale, despite moves by Lloyds TSB to quash such speculation yester-day. "I do think there's a price fected by the review, although the bank aims to achieve staff for everything and I think there's a price for ev Abbey Life is of significant val-The bank said it was too ear- ue to a European insurer," said

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IN BRIEF

• Richard Katz, head of equity trading at ING Barings, has resigned, the bank said yesterday. Market sources said there had been friction between Mr Katz, who had run equity trading for Barings, and the bank's new owner, ING of the Netherlands.Mr Katz was one of the few Barings directors to survive a purge in the wake of the bank's acquisition by ING. He was also the last member of the asset and liability committee of Barings - which was in charge of risk management - to remain

• Two Swiss lawyers who were board members of Luxembourg • Two Swiss lawyers who were board members of Luxembourg-based holding companies linked to Peter Young, the sacked Deutsche Morgan Grenfell fund manager, said they were aiding a company probe into potential irregularites. "Wyler & Wolf, ing a company probe into potential irregularites." Wyler & Wolf, ing a company probe into potential irregularites. "Wyler & Wolf, ing a company probe into generate with the repalaw firm in Zurich, has agreed to fully cooperate with the representatives of Morgan Grenfell investigating the difficulties resentatives of Morgan Grenfell." the firm said in a brief statement. The firm denied it had fell." the firm said in a brief statement. The firm denied it had "supported" any operations by Mr Young, but said it would provide no further information.

• Inchcape said the sale of its Testing business and planned demerger of insurance group Bain Hogg were still on track despite disappointing the market by failing to furnish details of either deal with yesterday's interim profits figures. The results were the first since the company changed its top management and slashed its final dividend in March. Difficult trading conditions in all its businesses held underlying profits before exditions in all its businesses held underlying profits before exditions in all its businesses held underlying profits belove ex-ceptional items flat at £82.8m (£83.3m) in the half year to June. The interim dividend of 4.2p will be paid as an enhanced for-eign income dividend worth 5.25p per share. Investment column, page 22

• Small and medium-sized companies have seen foreign competition increase by a third in the past decade, according to a report published today by the Economic and Social Research Council. The report, "The Changing State of British Enterprise", the find the report, the changing State of British Enterprise". also finds that most new technologies acquired by these firms originate within the UK.

Saleway is to create the equivalent of 1,100 part-time jobs his Christmas to help reduce checkout queues at peak times. The additional staff will take part in Saleway's £2m "Queue additional staff will take part in Saleway's £2m "Queue ster's" initiative and help with bag-packing as well as work-the supermarket's coffee shops, bakeries and klosks, greet-the supermarket and helping parents with young children. oppers on arrival and helping parents with young children. ff will wear yellow aprons.

Merrill Lynch), which are regulated by the SFA, soleh for the purposes of Section 77 of the Financial Services Act 1496, Barings and Merrill Lynch



Inchcape on slow road to recovery

Putting people against the wall is of-ten the easy part of a revolution. Making sure things continue to improve after the smoke has cleared and the excitement of change has died down a bit is a much bigger challenge, as

Incheape is finding to its cost. The car import to Coca-Cola bottling group's shares closed lower last night after barely changed interim profits before exceptional items confirmed what a long haul recovery is going to be. The new hands on the tiller, Sir Colin Marshall's in the chair and chief executive Philip Cushing's, may be firmer than their predecessors, but it will be a while before their names are safe.

As the old adage has it, when a manager with a reputation for achievement arrives at a company with a reputation for underperformance, it is the reputation of the company that tends to remain untarnished.

The profits performance outlined in the table is misleading, including as it does a chunky one-off charge last year as Incheape started to get to grips with the high-yen induced problems that hit it so hard at the end of 1994. More informative is the underlying picture which showed pre-exceptional profits of £82.8m in the half year to June, barely changed from 1995's

Breaking that down by activity shows what a curate's egg Inchcape still is, even excluding the planned divestments of the Bain Hogg insurance arm and the testing business which new management would really have liked to have sold by now. Busting self-imposed deadlines is not a surefire way to re-

cover the trust of the City.
In cars, more than two thirds of ongoing profits now, a healthy increase in profits from import and distribution was largely undone by poor trading from the motor dealerships. Marketing suffered from margin pressure in potato snacks, falling beer keg sales and start-up costs in Timberland stores.

Bottling slipped a bit thanks to the cost of setting up in Russia and Mr Cushing was fairly cautious about other ventures into "undeveloped" markets before that risky business was more firmly bedded in.

Analysts were left largely under-whelmed by the figures, as the 9.5p slide in the share price to 293p suggested, and full-year forecasts of between £160m and £170m were left unchanged yesterday. At the bottom end of that range, the shares trade on a prospective p/e of 17, which means earnings will have to grow at no less than the forecast 20 per cent next year to justify the still pretty fancy rating.

Having cut the dividend from 15p in

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Market value: £1.55bn , share price 292.5p

ter the 4.2p interim, there is little yield support to compensate for the risks involved in waiting for the recovery. High

Rutland finds the way to riches

There is more than a sense of dejà vu about Rutland Trust, the mini-con-glomerate headed by Michael Langdon. Using the old Kellock Trust factoring group, Mr Langdon set out nearly 10 years ago to take majority stakes in fun-damentally sound businesses which had lost their way financially or strategically. The aim was, as it remains, to sort them out, add value and sell on at

Although Mr Langdon fiercely resists the suggestion, it is a way to riches which led nowhere for a host of similar groups after the 1980s stock market boom faded. But while the likes of Abaco, Ifico and most notably Cannon Street Investments fell by the wayside

Turnover (Ebn) 5.88

Earnings per share (pence) 33.9 25.8

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Trading record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Profit by activity

1994 to a forecast 10.6p this time, af- in the aftermath of the crash and the slump, Rutland remains and, indeed. appears to be prospering. Pre-tax profits of £4.9m for the six months to June. down from £6.86m before, look respectable enough after stripping out the £1.98m gain from business sales and at the earnings line a 44 per cent advance

was impressive. Groups such as Rutland clearly rest head up north on their ability to turn round businesses. rather than the internal logic of their

The sale of part of soft drinks business Benjamin Shaw more than repaid the initial £5.7m investment in less than five months. The money from that sale and Leasecontracts, a contract hire majority stake in Thamesport last year

Thus far, Thamesport is delivering the goods. It is set to reach its target throughput of 200,000 20-foot equivalent containers this year, up a third on last year, with the 250,000 level expected to be reached early in the new

The icing on the cake is that £60m of capital allowances will ensure that

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the main Rutland businesses will pay no tax for the foreseeable future, hence the growth in underlying earn-

ings per share.
Full-year profits of £11.9m would put the shares at 59p, down 1.25p, on a forward multiple of 16 after more than doubling since the middle of last year. Compared with forecast earnings growth in the high 20 per cent range

Regent plans to

Pub retailers have gained handsomely in recent years as the big brewers lost their monopoly on licences and prime sites became readily available as banks, post offices and booking halls were closed and converted into boozers. Regroup, was recycled into acquiring a gent Inns, which operates 60 pubs, has gained more than most.

Since floating at the equivalent of 27p in 1993, the shares have raced ahead, peaking at almost 250p earlier this year. News of an 81 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £8.0m in the year to 6 July on turnover 44 per cent higher at £31.8m initially gave the shares another fillip yesterday before they succumbed to profit-taking.

A total of 13 pubs were opened during the year, with underlying sales 11 per cent higher than 1995, which was itself a vintage one for pub operators.

The secret of Regent's success is a flexible formula that largely eschews branded pubs in favour of a cross between a wine bar and standard pub. Regent has also benefited from the relative strength of the capital's econ-

omy. Now the plan is to head up north, where David Franks, Regent's managing director, believes the pub scene is woefully underinvested. A vehicle for such expansion is last month's £6.3m acquisition of Crossgate Leisure, which brought with it 11

snooker halls and seven café bars. Organic growth also continues apace, bolstered by a strong balance sheet and gearing of around 30 per cent.

Regent is on target for more than 100 outlets by the year end. Mr Franks might balk at running a business twice that size, but he may not have to if Regent were bought by an acquisitive brewer like Whitbread or Bass.

Brokers are upgrading their pre-tax forecasts by £1m to about £12m, implying a p/e ratio of 20 with the shares down 2p at 234.5p. The fancy rating is on a par with the much larger JD Wetherspoon, but fairly reflects growth this year of well over 30 per cent. Hold.

Close Brothers notches up 21st annual increase

JILL TREANOR **Banking Correspondent**

Close Brothers, the merchant banking group, yesterday re-ported record full-year results, and hinted that it would expand its investment management business through acquisitions.

The 33 per cent rise in pretax profits to slightly more than £45m in the year to 31 July was the 21st successive annual increase, and included only a negligible contribution from the Hill Samuel Corporate Finance (HSCF) business bought in May. Close Brothers said it had not suffered from a wave of client and staff defections at HSCF which are all too common following takeovers involving City firms.

Asset finance and the Win-terflood market-making business were the main drivers of the growth in profits, which was accompanied by a 17 per cent rise in total dividends to 10p per share. Close Brothers' shares advanced by 3.5p to 343.5p.

Rod Kent, managing director of Close Brothers, said, Winterflood had a "fabulous year"

and had a good market position in its specialist area of small

Winterflood, which makes markets in all of the 210 companies on the Alternative Investment Market, increased its share of Close Brothers' total profits from 22 to 35 per cent. Asset finance made 45 per cent of group profits, and the re-maining 20 per cent came from traditional merchant banking.

"Overall, all of the areas of business have done well," added Mr Kent, who wants the bank



Rod Kent: said Winterflood had a 'fabulous year'

to increase its "fee earning business" over the coming vears, particularly in corporate finance and investment

management Close Brothers' investment management business is specialist, offering products such as risk-protected index unit trusts. Mr Kent said the bank had no intention to expand into more mainstream market products such as unit trusts, but would

ment management. Brisk business in mergers and acquisitions is fuelling profits at most merchant banks, but Mr Kent said Close Brothers' plans to build its expertise in this area were not based on this year's hectic market. "This is a

consider acquisitions in invest-

core area for us." Mr Kent said. Unlike many other banks, Close Brothers does not intend to expand its corporate finance business to offer a whole range of products to its clients.

What we are is purely inde pendent. We do not lend to the companies we advise. We are very clear by what we mean by corporate finance," Mr Kent

Proudfoot profits fall

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Proudfoot, the worldwide management consultancy group, saw its shares slide yesterday after it warned that profits in the rest of the year would be below the first-half level. The 3.5p drop to 27p means the share price is just 8.5p clear of its all-time low and came despite news that Proudfoot had returned to the black in the six months to June.

The group, chaired until last year by Lord Stevens of Ludgate, has been hit by several profits disappointments since the shares hit a peak of over

400p in 1991. But Malcolm Hughes, the chief executive who has overseen a restructuring of the business, said he did not regard yesterday's statement as a profits warning. The firsthalf figures, which showed a profit of £2.52m replacing losses of £5.79m last time, had met expectations, he said.

However while the secondhalf numbers were also likely to meet expectations, the switch to lower-margin business at the group may mean that they could come in lower.

Analysts are expecting profits of around £5m for the full

"a realistic assessment of what is a recovery a year after the restructuring we announced at the half-way stage". He said volumes in the current year were running around 10 per cent ahead of the original budget, which envisaged 6,500 "man. weeks" of consultancy or turnover of £70m in 1996.

Proudfoot also announced vesterday a strategic alliance between its Philip Crosby Associates corporate training arm and Organisational Dynamics, a US training group. Net cash stands at £5.9m but the group is not paying an interim diviyear, which Mr Hughes said was dend to preserve cash reserves

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IN BRIEF

 Scholl is to implement a £29.4m strategic review involving a focus on the Scholl brand and key categories of footcare and footwear. Stephen Walls, the new chief executive, said other brands are to be divested, third-party distribution reduced and the management of European operations cut from five into two divisions. In the six months to June Scholl posted a pre-tax loss after exceptionals £21.9m versus a profit of £11.8m on sales 9 per cent higher at £119m.

 Burford has exchanged contracts with Prudential to buy a building overlooking London's Trafalgar Square for £7m which is to be converted into a hotel with 100 bedrooms.

• Prism Rail said it is one of the parties to be shortlisted for the franchise to operateMerseyrail Electrics. Prism Rail has already been awarded the franchises for LTS Rail Limited, South Wales & West Railway Limited and Cardiff Railway Company Limited.

 Conrad, the Manchester-based sports and leisure group, is re-portedly interested in buying a top English football team. Speculation centred on a possible swoop for Sheffield Wednesday or Nottingham Forest. Earlier this year Conrad lost out to Caspian, the media group, in a battle for control of Leeds United.

 AEA Technology's offer price range for its flotation may be raised to 250p-280p per share from 240-270 pence. Schroders, sponsors to the offer, said the possible increase in the price range was due to demand for AEA Technology - the state-owned former Atomic Energy Authority - exceeding expectations.

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Benerosa Corp (7)	67.66m (69.43m)	3.69m (3.16mm)	6 85p (6.23p)	5.35p (4.84p)
Britannia Greep (I)	19.04m (23.42m)	2.10m (0.28m)	-6.7p (1.0p)	rdl (0.5p)
Clase Brothers (F)	- (-)	45.11m (33.9m)	24.8p (22.2p)	10.0p (8.5p)
Community Hosp (F)	69.61m (63.43m)	10.7m (8.5m)	21.8p (17.9p)	10.0p (8.8p)
Inchcape (f)	3 16bn (3.13bn)	75.3m (18.6m)	7.3p (-2.4p)	5.25p (7.50p)
Metrose Energy (F)	46.61m (15.82m)	15.27m (5.84m)	4.41p (2.96p)	0.87p (0.48p)
Preudiest (I)	35.22m (38.85m)	2.52m (-6.79m)	1.4p (-8.4p)	(-)
Regent lane (F)	31.77m (22.0m)	8.01m (5.1p)	8.8p (5.1p)	2.2p (1.4p)
Scholl (I)	119.39m (109.7m)	-21.9m (11.8m)	-31.6p (10.0p)	3.Gp (2.8p)
SIG (I)	115.8m (117.4m)	14.2m (12.0m)	9,60 (10,20)	2.4p (2.2)
Translec (I)	113.9m (106.2m)	4.5m (3.7m)	3.1p (2.3p)	0.8p (0.7p)
T&S Stores (I)	248.4m (216.5m)	8.78m (8.06m)	8.36p (8.35p)	3.0p (2.8p)
VCI (I)	35.07m (24.63m)	1.30m (1.15m)	28p (2.5p)	2.3p (2.2p)
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Beer salesman beat a path to Allied Domeca's door

Tony Hales and Sir Christopher Hogg are going to enjoy Allied Domeco's position as Britain's biggest independent buyer of beer if recent events at the group's HQ are anything to go by. The ink was barely dry on the Carlsberg Tetley deal with Bass when Allied's top brass were visited by some very high-level doorreport to News Ltd chairman to-door salesmen attempting to flog their wares. With a chain of more than 4,000 pubs and soon able to buy its beer from whomever it chooses, Allied will be a very

important customer indeed. First to post his calling card was Peter Jarvis, chief executive of Whitbread. Approaching Mr Hales and Sir Christopher, he appeared

somewhat embarrassed by his situation and decided on a jovial approach. "Hello, it's the beer salesman," was his cheery opener.

The next day and who should drop by but Brian Stewart, chief executive of Scottish & Newcastle, purvey ors of Courage, Foster's and McEwan's. He said exactly the same thing.

achlan Murdoch continues his meteoric rise within his father's media empire. The 25-year-old Princeton graduate has been appointed manBUSINESS & PEOPLE

aging director of News Corporation's Australian subsidiary, News Limited. This is the main newspaper division which spans titles such as The Australian and Victoria's Herald Sun. Rupert Murdoch's son will

Ken Cowley, who said: "My primary function will be to shape the strategic direction of the group's businesses. Lachlan will concentrate on managing the News group operations and will report to me." Murdoch inr joined News Ltd in 1994 as general manager of Queensland Newspapers and was later promoted to deputy manag-ing director of News Ltd. "My progress through News Ltd has been made possible because of the support of Mr Cowley and the other executives of the News group,' Lachlan Murdoch said.

The sound of frantic backtracking can be heard in Scarborough, the Yorkshire seaside town no one wants to go to. The local council has officially reprimanded Kevin Barrand, Scarborough's chief resorts officer, who described some of the town's older visi-

tors as "old farts" earlier this month after Saga Holidays dropped the resort from its brochure. Recognising a gaffe when he sees one, Scarborough council's chief executive, John Trebble, said the use of such language was "un-acceptable" and "does not reflect the views of the borough which holds its senior citizens in high esteem". A humbled Mr Barrand has accepted the ticking off and is no doubt

campaign aimed at luring back the offended over-50s. Reuters, the media group, has named two new executive directors. Jean-Claude Marchand, 50, will head the company's Europe, Middle East and Africa division. Mr Marchand has worked at Reuters since 1971 when he ioined as a sales executive in Switzerland. The other appointment goes to another ong-server. John Parcell, who has put in 27 years at Reuters, will take over the group's financial information

product line. The editor-in-

chief. Mark Wood, will step

down as an executive director

to concentrate on editorial is-

sues. He will continue to rep-

sweating over a marketing

resent the company on the board of Independent Televi-

Proudfoot, the down-at-heel management consultancy group, has provided ample evidence that telling other people how to run their businesses does not necessarily mean you can run your own. A profits warning and a sliding share price was not how the chief executive, Michael Hughes, envisaged celebrating the group's half century and the pain showed in his remarks. "In a year in which Proudfoot celebrates its 50th anniversary, making the com-pany one of the longest estab-

lished consultancy organisations in the world, it is acknowledged that substantial improvement in financial performance has yet to be demonstrated." Perhaps it could be demonstrated in the next 50 years.

Liberty, the upmarket retailer, has completed its senior management reshuffle with the appointment of Julia Bowe as marketing director. Ms Bowe, 36, joins from rival Austin Reed. A keen golfer, Ms Bowe also claims a "strong interest in fashion".

Nigel Cope



Rising star: Lachlan Murdoch is making his mark abroad

Dessert, soup, cheese, entrée, hors d'ocuv Any order in any order.

Dutch rival, Nedlloyd, helped lower the shipping group's shares 27p to 573p.

With the stock market floundering as higher interest rate worries took hold, P&O had to contend with the additional to the additiona had to contend with the additional anxiety that its far-reaching deal with Nedlloyd could fail to produce the benefits the

market expects. Lord Sterling, P&O's chair-man, has been under intense pressure to rescue the group's flagging shares. As competition has intensified, P&O has underperformed the rest of the market by around 30 per cent

in the past five years. The Dutch deal, linking the containership operations of the two, was seen as offering

ships. Cost savings should be extensive. The link is also seen as leading to other joint ven-

No wonder, then, that P&O's shares responded, cruising from 517p to 607.5p.
Brussels could, however, spoil the party and there are signs that, at best, P&O and Neddlord are in for a least had. loyd are in for a long, hard

struggle.

The FT-SE 100 index was drenched in "red Dye", bringing, no doubt, some relief to PDFM fund manager Tony Dye, who is banking on a share crash and chosen cash as

Footsie lost 44.4 points to 3,919.7, destroying any shortterm hopes of topping the cru-cial 4,000. But selling was modest. Turnover was again low and there were suggestions that technical influences following last week's futures expiry made a significant contribution to the rout.



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blue chip fall, off 14p at 268.5p.

Fellow conglomerate William

Holdings lost 14p to 344.5p.

nology Group, put on another 42-5p to 2,260p and Blenheim, the exhibitions group in take-over talks, added 5.5p to

Breweries, up to 621.5p, was helped along by a more posi-tive stance from NatWest Se-

curities. After a 15 per cent

underperformance and with group trading improving, NatWest's Geof Collyer be-lieves the shares have reached

As analysts met Unilever,

the shares shaded 7.5p to

a fair rating.

BTG, the old British Tech-

The US authorities are due to meet today and with New York flat there are fears American rates are about to rise. But such a move would be surprising in the midst of a Presidential election campaign and would, presumably, indicate the US economy is bubbling much more than had been

enerally suspected. Railtrack, still in its partly paid form, led the small batch of blue chips which made headway. The shares rose op to a 294p peak as stories of property revaluations and US stake building continued to ex-

BTR had the dubious distinction of suffering the worst 1,385p and Northern Foods, with analysts visiting its plants

today and tomorrow, was lit-tle changed at 200p. Cable and Wireless was firm at 455.5p on Salomon Brothers' support but in the prevailing negative climate a new buy recommendation from Leham Brothers for Lloyds TSB could not prevent a 6.5p fall to 372p.

Grand Metropolitan, with a trading update expected on Friday, fell of to 471.5p with the poor results from Berisford's US catering equipment operations prompting worries about the performance of Burger King, Grand Met's fast-food off-shoot. Berisford shumed 40 5p to 106p.

ast-nord on-snoot. Berishold shumped 40.5p to 106p. Suggestions the Rank Or-ganisation is about to descend on the Tom Cobleigh pubs chain lowered the price 11.5p to 439p. Tom Cobleigh gained 1.5p to 234.5p. Pizza Express,

26p higher to 472.5p, largely on bid speculation.

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The sale of Alpha Airport's US flight catering side for £6.8m failed to quench stories of bid action. A Canadian group, it is said, is planning to buy Granada's 25 per cent stake and then bid for full control. The shares edged 1p higher to 113p.

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Conrad, which lost out to
Caspian in the battle for Leeds
Utd, scored a 1.25p gain to
5.25p on talk it was in negotiations with other Premiership. ations with other Premiership football clubs, including Not-tingham Forest and Sheffield

Helene, the clothing group, managed a 0.5p gain to 7.25p on stories Harold Tillman, who runs a German depart-ment store chain, is about to link with the company.

Aegis, the media buyer, held at 64.5p. Talk persists of bid action with the WPP advertising group thought to be interested.

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Silver Shield, a windscreen replacement business, is thought to be edging towards a significant deal which morgan to be eaging towards a significant deal which would dramatically enlarge the group, currently with a market valuation of just over \$5m. Under the chairman, Neil McChire, ex-UBS, the group intends to expand into vehicle and household areas where there is a strong insurance connection. The idea is to create an operation offering a range of services to insurance companies. Profits should be around £700,000 in its first full year as a quoted business. The shares fell

Reunion Mining rose 6.5p to 65.5p on director buying and positive noises from Societe Generale Strauss Turnball. The securities house said: "We value the shares

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Whatever happens, Russia can do no wrong

Whatever happens to the politics, there will be strong economic growth. Russia's economy which is now the size of California's, will grow faster over the next 20 years than most OECD countries and probably faster than most emerging markets (outside the Far East).

The quote comes from a book to be published next week, "The Coming Russian Boom", by Richard Layard and John Parker. It is worth drawing attention to it, now that the full gravity of President Yeltsin's health has been revealed, for two reasons. First, its judgements are already being proved right: the book was completed before the outcome of the Russian elections earlier this year and it is due to the usual publishing de-lays that it is only available now. It not only correctly forecast the election result, it also set out several longer-term scenarios for the Russian economy that might take place under alterna-tive political developments. It has the right "feel" for the country's instincts. but does not force any one scenario

on its readers.
Second, unlike many writers about
Russia, the authors understand economics. Prof Layard is a professor at the London School of Economics and adviser to the Russian government's economic staff, John Parker a former Moscow correspondent for *The Economist*. There is a great temptation in the West to assume that politics in Russia will determine its future economic progress. To some extent that is true - for the past 100 years it has certainly been true - but there is a powerful argument to be made that the Russian economy is now at a point where progress will take place irrespective of government.

ECONOMIC VIEW HAMISH McRAE

The authors set out four main possibilities for the next 10 years.

The first and, in their judgement, most likely is "more of the same". The present power group, led by Mr Yeltsin and Russia's prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, will remain in charge. Economic progress will go "two steps forward, one step back". Gradually the legal system will improve but regulation will continue and corruption will persist. Inflation will remain high -30 to 150 per cent a year -but economic growth will be good,

But even under this less attractive scenario, there would, after the initial disruption, be economic growth. The authors suggest at least 4 per

Third is right-wing nationalism, at present represented by Vladimir Zhirinovsky, but of course it could be presented by other people over the next 10 years. Prof Layard and Mr Parker acknowledge that this might be very uncomfortable politically, and it would be damaging to Russia's business relations with the

'Progress will take place in the Russian economy irrespective of government'

Interest Rates

munist party regains control, though its policies would be more akin to the popular statism of Peron in Ar-

gentina than old-style communism of 10 years ago. Inflation would in-crease as public spending ran even further ahead of tax revenues, pri-vatisation would be halted, price controls would be applied but would fail.
After a couple of years the economic policies would have to be reversed and financial orthodoxy re-established. Then, within five years, economic failure would encourage change: the young would take over from the old again.

averaging 5 per cent a year.

Option two, and the next most likely, is neocommunism. The combined rearry regains control, though would under more muddled gov-

> Finally there is reform. This is seen as the least likely outcome, but if it were to happen there would be a

is still the most likely outcome, although there is the tantalising pos-sibility of a sustained period of dreadful.

economic reform. The death of Mr Yeltsin would lead to new elections and options two and three would

But then there was always a pos-sibility that that would happen anyway: the communists or the nationalists could recover power in the next scheduled elections in 2001, or even before. So in one sense Mr Yeltsin's iliness does not really alter the big picture: political insecurity is always in the background. But that does not stop economic progress.

This year looks like being the first since the collapse of communism when recorded output is going to rise. You have to say "recorded" because much of the present output is in unrecorded services or in the black economy, while much of the record-ed output under the communist system was not really output at all, in the sense that the goods being pro-duced were goods which could be sold. (A lot of Russian economic activity actually subtracted value, in that the output was worth less than the cost of the energy and raw materials that went into it.)

At any rate, recorded output is now almost certainly rising, and through actual has probably been rising for a couple of years, it is still comforting to see official figures heading in the right direction.

Some of these, taken from the summer Economic Outlook of the surge in foreign investment, which could rise to more than \$10bn a year, with economic growth at more than 6 per cent a year.

At the moment Russia seems to be hovering between number one and number four: muddling through its still the most likely outcome also and not that for four the Magatricht. and not that far from the Maastricht limit. Inflation, however, remains

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So by the standards of Western developed economies, the hard economic numbers for next year, with the sole exception of inflation, do not look out of place at all - quite good in fact. Of course the absolute level of output per head remains lower, but if the growth prospects described by Prof Layard and Mr Parker are accurate, economic growth in Russia will run well ahead of the west for the next

Stand back from the chaos of transition and ask the tough question: what are the comparative advantages of Russia in the post-communist

The most obvious is the wealth of be moving to a three time-zone natural resources, a useful "fit" with western Europe, which is resource-poor. Equally obvious is the wealth of human capital, and not just what might be called the intellectual capital of Russia's top scientists, top mathematicians and top artists, but also the rough human capital of people who are now running its rough private sector economy.

There is a third, less obvious advantage. It is that Russia is the only country in the world which straddles two of the three global time zones, for it is both a European economy world? There seem to me to be three. and an East Asian one. We seem to er are right, that will not happen.

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world, a world where economic activity is passed from one on to the next, maybe to the next, before being handed back to zone one. One zone performs the night-shift for the other. We talk of European countries having a time-zone advantage. London can trade with East Asia and North America. In a way, Russia also has a time-zone advantage, in that it runs two time-economies: if Europe provides only slow growth, it can benefit from the Asian boom. Only politics can hold it back.

And if Prof Layard and Mr Park-

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Japan	17101	75-70	225-218	10984	45-44	136-133	72578
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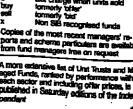
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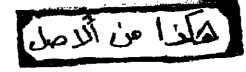
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Johnston at odds over Bijou

GREG WOOD

Much of the old Ascot snobbery has been diluted in recent years, but it persists in in one respect at least: they expect, and get, a billier class of racehorse. The entries arrived yesterday for the Festival meeting at the track this weekend, and even amid a welter of Pattern events and competitive handicaps, one set of names deserved undivided attention.

"Race of the season" is a description which often has more outings each year than one of Martin Pipe's novice hurdlers, but in the case of the eight-fur-long Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on Saturday, it has at last found the contest it deserves. All but one of the nine runners declared for the race yesterday have won a Group One prize over a mile this season, the exception being Charnwood Forest, a relative prole in this company since he could manage only second place in the Lockinge

Stakes in May. From the Classic generation, the field should include the winners of four of Europe in the Classic generation include the winners of four of Europe in the Classic generation in the Sussex Stakes winner, and the Sussex Stakes winner Europe's six major Guineas races, and also Bijou D'Inde, who took the St James's Palace

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Rockcracker (Nottingham 2.30) NB: Bernard Seven (Epsom 4.50)

Stakes at the Royal meeting. In addition to Charnwood Forest, their elders will send in First Is-

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and Soviet Line against them.
In terms of strength in depth,
it is difficult to imagine a bet-
ter field, although one man at
least has learned to be wary of
labels. "They said that the St
James's Palace Stakes was the
race of the season," Mark John-
ston, the trainer of Bijou
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nde, said yesterday, "until we it. They said it about the ipse until we came second." ike his stablemate Double iger, it seems, Bijou D'Inde is not receive the credit he erves. The QEII will be his	"lt's able," Ashkala and be Mark O
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of the frame, and yet the Tote believe he is no better than a 10-1 chance for Saturday's race. It is not just Johnston who is left to wonder whether their odds compilers have forgotten to renew their form-book sub-

absolutely unbeliev-he said. "He's met lani [a 7-2 chance] once aten him. They make of Esteem the favourite, ve met him twice, beateasily once and went y two short-heads on the ccasion. How can he be d us 10-1? It doesn't my sense."

y trainers would considdozen races at the highest level more than enough, but it is not a philosophy to which Johnston has ever subscribed. "He's a Group One horse and I wouldn't dream of running him in anything else. He's very big, strong and tough, and six races isn't a lot, is it?

Nor will there be any rest after Ascot. "If all goes well we'll go to the Breeders' Cup, and then we'll be talking to the Darley Stud people about the pos-sibility of coming back and staying in Dubai to run in the Dubai World Cup." Since Ladbrokes offer just 6-

against Bijou D'Inde, the Tote's price is an aberration which will probably wither like Count Dracula in the first shafts of daylight this morning. Anyone who does manage to take the 10-1 will have a betting slip to treasure.

Punters were more interested yesterday in Bosra Sham, winner of the 1,000 Guineas in May but unraced since due to niggling injuries. The Henry Cecil-trained filly joins Mark Of Esteem at the head of the market at odds as low as 9-4 (from 3-1) with William Hill. Shake The Yoke, the Coronation Stakes winner, is 8-1 with a run (with Ladbrokes), but will arrive at Ascot only in the unlikely event that the other French challenger, Ashkalani, does not.

RACING'S FUTURES MARKED

Bookmakers' ante-post lists are racing's futures market. Readgo 14-1. ers can catch up with the latest developments - best prices are in bold - in this sphere with The

Independent's Tuesday service. Cambridgeshire Handicap: Game Ploy is a top-priced 10-1 with the Tote after his smooth victory in the Courage Handi-cap over 10 furlongs at Newbury

on Saturday.

Billy Bushwacker, closely handicapped with Clifton Fox and Angus-G on Doncaster

running, is an eye-catching 25-1 (Coral) - Tote and Ladbrokes

Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe: Oscar Schindler is 25-1 (Tote) after winning Saturday's Group One Irish St Leger over a mile and six furlongs at the Curragh The Prix Foy winner, Swain, is 8-1 (Ladbrokes) - Tote go 6-1 while King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes runner up Classic Cliche is 9-1 (Tote)

- Ladbrokes go 6-1.

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Horse (Trainer/weight)	Corel	Willem Hill	Lectrolass	Tota	
Game Ploy (D Haydn Jones/7st13%)	9-1	<u>8-1</u>	<u></u>	10-1	
Missile (W Haddes/9st)	10-1	<u>8-1</u>	7-1	<u>9-1</u>	
Centre Stalls (R J Houghton/9st 12th	12-1	16-1	8-1	<u> 12-1</u>	
Crossa Court (L Cumany/8st, 26)	12-1	12-1	10-1	12-1	
Angue-G (M Reveley/7st 7th)	14-1	10-1	14-1	_14_1	
Clifton Fox U Glover/8st 2(b)	12-1	14-1	14-1	14-1	
Sharpical (L.C.mani/7st 11th)	12-1	12-1	14-1	12-1	
Master Charter (Mrs. J Ramsden/8st)	12-1	14-1	12-1	16-1	
Alteond Rock (J Fanshawe/8sr11b)	26-1	16-1	20-1	<u> 20-1</u>	
Basi Gown (D Thom/8st 12th)	16-1	16-1	16-1	20-1	
Fahlm (A Stewart/9s; 7tb)	20-1	16-1	14-1	20-1	
Amerik Ajoeb (B Hanbury/9st2fb)	25-1	25-1	20-1	<u> 25-1</u>	
Billy Bushwacker (M Reveloy/8:15b)	25-1	20-1	14-1	14-1	
North Song (J Gosden/Bst7lb)	25-1	25-1	20-1	16-1	
Penata (L. Cumani/7st 11b)	16-1	25-1	20-1	20-1	
Stylish Alburo (D Weld/Sist 7(b)	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-1	
Winter Romance (E Durlop/9st1/b)	1 <u>6-1</u>	20-1	20-1	25-1	
My Gallery (A Badey/Bat50)	33-1	25-1	20-1	<u> 25-1</u>	
Nagragues (S Dow/Ssr11lb)	25-1	33-1	20-1	<u>25-1</u>	
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Gold backs Carson

Suggestions that Willie Carson will vacate his position as first jockey to Hamdan Al Maktoum on his return from injury were yesterday dismissed as "pure speculation" by Sheikh Hamdan's racing manager, Angus

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Carson remains in the intensive care unit at North Hampshire Hospital in Basingstoke after being kicked 15 feet across the paddock at Newbury on Friday. According to surgeons it will be three months before the 53-year-old is fit enough to ride again and he may require surgery on his lacerated liver.

In the interim, Richard Hills, second jockey to Sheikh Ham- ported yesterday morning.

dan, who last year landed the 1,000 Guineas on Harayir. will deputise in the first colours.

However, Gold refuted suggestions that Carson's time as the Sheikh's retained rider is at an end. "Nobody can say what is going to happen - let's just wait and see if Willie will continue riding, then it is up to Sheikh Hamdan," Gold said.
"Nothing has been discussed yet. If Willie is back on his feet and riding, and Sheikh Hamdan wants Willie Carson to ride for

him, then that is fine." Carson will remain in intensive care for the next 24 hours at least, a spokeswoman for the North Hampshire Hospital re-

The racing future of two of the will come back into training with country's best steeplechasers remains in the balance as the tempo increases towards the heart of the National Hunt season. Master Oats, the 1995 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, and the high-class chaser

Martha's Son will not return to

training until they have passed

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medical examinations in the next few weeks. Martha's Son's future will be decided after his leg is scanned next week. The Tim Forsterrained gelding has not raced since being beaten by Travado in the Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon last November and was fired during the winter.

the hope of running after Christmas. It's a case of all fingers and everything else being crossed," Forster said, "He was fired at Christmas and, after staying in his box until May, has been turned out in his field and, apart from coming in for our open day, is still out."

Martha's Son swept to prominence in stringing together five successive victories in the 1994-95 season, including a seven-length triumph in the Comet Chase at Ascot. Master Oats failed to make

the line-up for Kim Bailey's open day on Sunday and the trainer expects to conduct tests "If the vet gives the OK, he on his leg within the next fort-

Testing time for top jumpers night to determine whether he

can return to full training The 10-year-old failed to win in three starts last season and is recovering from a leg injury which ruled out his participation in the Gold Cup in March,

"Master Oats is still at Jan Steinmann's stud a few miles from here and is in great form." Bailey said. "We want to have him back with us next month, but we shall have the leg scanned and only after we get the results will we decide on just how quickly we can proceed."

Alderbrook, Bailey's deposed Champion Hurdler, will make his comeback at Christmas before attempting to regain his ti-tle from Collier Bay in March.

Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (1m 4f)					
Horse (Traner)	Coral	William Hill		Tota	
Helissio (E Lellouche)	3-1	7-2	7-2	3-1	
Zagreb (D Weld)	6-1	5-1	6-1	7-1	
Strain (A Fabre)	7-1	7-1	8-1	6-1	
Classic Cliche (Seed Bin Surport	8:1_	8-1	6-1	9-1	
Darazari (A de Royer-Dupra)	8-1	8-1	_ · 7-1	9-1	
Pentire (G Wrage)	7-1_	6-1	8-1	10-1	
Riyadian (P Cole)	12-1	12-1	12-1	10-1	
Sheamit (W Haggas)	12-1	16-1	14-1	14-1	
Plantsid (M Storre)	20-1	16-1	14-1	20-1	
Oncar Schindler (K Prenderstst)	16-1	20-1	16-1	25-1	
Germany (B Schutz)	33-1_	33-1	25-1	33-1	
Grape Tree Road (A Fabre)	33-1	33-1	33-1	40-1	
Strategic Choice (P Cole)	25-1	33-1	25-1	40-1	
Song Of Tara (P Chapple-Hyam)	33-1	50 <u>-1</u>	40-1	40-1	
Sunshack (A Fabre)	33-1	50-1	33-1	40-1	
Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3. (Longchamp, Sunday, 6 October)					

3.05 DHL INTERNATIONAL MAIDEN STAKES

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3.35 MANN EGERTON LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 3YO 2m

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4.05 MSAS INTERNATIONAL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 2YO filles 1m 54yds

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2.15 Fruitie O'Flarety 2.45 Petite Danseuse (nb)

4.20 MOUNT PLEASANT (nap) 4.50 Dancing Lawyer

3.20 Double Leaf GOING: Good to Firm.

GOING: Good to Firm.

STALLS: 6f — outside; remainder — inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGR: Low for 1m 110yd and 1m 2f.

Left-hand course, sharp and multilating.

Course is Soft own - 15m from the centre of London. Three railway stations serve the properties. Epsom (trains from Victoria and Waterloo) and the nearer Epsom Downs (Victoria) and Tattenhum Corner (Charing Cross and Victoria). ADMISSION: Members 21 (16 to 25-year-olds 512); Grandstand & Paddock 510; Lonsdale Enclosure 55 (accompanied under-16s free all enclosures). GAR PARK: Prec.

SIS RACING

Definition (Address With Economics) a common — 18 winger from 101 in 5 gives a success ratio of 11.9% and a loss to a 51 level stake of \$61.59; & Alcebra 13 winners, 84 runners, 15.5%, +54.18; Lord Huntingdon — 8 winners, 24 runner 3%, +536.17; M Stoute — 8 winners, 57 runners, 14.3%, -522.75. ■ LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery — 17 winners, 111 rides, 15.3%, -5.38.41; J Reid — 15 winners, 98 rides, 15.3%, -50.54; T Quinn — 11 winners, 137 rides, 8%, -5.87.87; L Dettori — 10 winners, 77 rides, 12%, -5.22.0%

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HIGH EXTREME has needed both his runs to date at Goodwood and Salisbury but has shown definite abidity, notably last time when fourth to Gortzaga over seven furtiongs. He was keeping on at one pace, suggesting he will get this longer trip despite being by Danshill. The recent form of Peter Chapple-Hyam's numers has been encouraging. Affantic Deskies, seventh of 13 behind Surbeam Dance at Leicester on her recent debut (Mendioza ninth), is by Ela-Mana-Mau, so will be much better suited by this trip. She can pose a big threat with that run to benefit her. Fruitbe O'Flaverty never got in a blow in Cape Cross's Doncaster race but will find this easier, while the longer trip should be in Waterville Boy's twour, his year-older full-brother Charles Chang having won over a mile at Lingfield (AW) last season, the color of Tomany Tortolise should not be moulded by the trip on packgree, but the Rock Hopper chic cost just 6,000gns as a yearing. Geoff Lewis runsSalightly Otiver, an 11,000gns son of Sherr Kre.

2.45 STAFF INGHAM NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,750 added 2YD 6f Penaity Value £3,355

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PETITE DANSEIISE lost her way a bit having won at Bath and Windsor over the minimum trip in Way, but her recent runs have been much more encouraging. Third of 20 to Lamortop in Way, but her recent runs have been menting. Smon Dow's filey was bestern just a head by Sharp Hat in a 15-runner runsery at Doncaster last thine, finishing strongly having been by Sharp Hat in a 16-runner runsery at Doncaster last thine, finishing strongly having been the scale of the pace. Petite Danseuse should again have the beating of stuti-placed Mantiles Prince, just 4 by better off for almost seven lengths, and can go one better. Clara Mantiles Prince, just 4 by better off for almost seven lengths, and can go one better. Clara Mantiles Prince, just 4 by better off for almost seven lengths, and can go one better. Clara Mantiles Prince, just 4 by better off for almost seven lengths, and can go one better. Clara Mantiles Prince, just 4 by better off for almost seven lengths, one out best in a tight three way Bliss, thurt to Perpetual over five furtongs of Brighton, Studies Clara by the eight off a 10 Mass Stamper in the Super Spirit at Replacon, 90 worse, Balladoole Barneets Chingschook, just over a length behand he

3.20 STANLEY WOOTTON CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,650 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £4,882

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previously. Herodian did better when dropped to seven furlongs at Haydock last time, dead heating for third behind Primo Lare, but should not be troubled by the return to further. Situ her best race yet when third to Paneta at Goodwood on her latest run eight week

SCREMENUS showed that the step up to the destance should suit when chasing home Ta Awum at a respectful five lengths at Astort last time and his pedigree confirms that Impression. Placed at Goodwood and Yarmouth previously, he can gain a deserved first success. Mount Placeaux has identical from figures to Scremus, last time firting that Gup that blangths too good at York (Im). He appeared to stay this trip at Ripon when third of four behind Busy Flight and is a clear second best. Goodwale has shown that form in fanticaps. He ladds pace har took honder for third clane.

Wells colt was thought likely to make up into a Classic horse this year end, while that has not happened (he was ninth in the Derby), he has run well enough to suggest he can win this. There was no disgrace in his failure to match Leger hero Shantou at Windsor, going down three and a half lengths, and he failed to settle when thyre 14 furlongs at Saldsbury lest time, finishing well bearen behind Samrasan. The return to 10 furlongs will sur, particularly with a strongish pace likely thanks to the presence of Magellan. Province was a big drifter in the betting on his betted debut at Newmarket but still rain out a comfortable winner from Van Guro, who went one home at Vorte subsequently. He is once to plenty of me

A FIAT PON SMYTH PATED HANDACAP (CLASS R) \$12 150 adde

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2-1443	HERODIAN (USA) (17) (Hermonds Stud) J Gosden 3 8 6
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— 13. declared —
Minimum: Set 7th (310 Set 2is). The weights: Site Zub 3st 5th, Night Wink 8st 2th, Luciy Archer Ber.
BETTING: 7-2 Star Of Zitzal, 9-2 April The Bigeth, 5-1 Herodika, 13-2 Sites Zufe, 7-1 My Best Velentine, 8-1 Night Wink, 10-1 Luciey Archer, 12-1 Remark, 14-1 others
1995: Tairbid 4 8 11 R Hills: 13-2 If Thomson Jones 9 pm

The extra half-furiong is not necessarily in his favour, but APRIL THE EIGHTH seemed to see out the mile at Doncaster well enough when fourth to Decorated Hero 10 days ago and is certainly on a good mark now. That Doncaster run was April The Eighth's best effort since a second to Farherra in a six-furiong Listed race at Haydock back in May and the stable's numers are in good from at present, so the Stable's cold is well worth a chance having dropped another pound. Nagingang was lest at Doncaster, a very disappointing effort gwen her good earlier form. She may well bounce back here, particularly as she has a good record at the course, having won twose and been third to Donna Voide on Oals Day. Shar Of Zitzal benefited from being stlowed to dictate matters of Goodwood last time and ran out a comfortable two-and-a-half-length winner from Grand Musica, but he is 7to higher now unfley to be ellowed as much leeway. A line through Grand Musica gives Star Of Zitzal a bit to find with Civil Liberty, who been the same find at Windsor less month in a mald-en. He probably felled to stay when fourth over 10 furlongs of the same nourse and ran too freely in binliers at Goodwood last time. Kasment, bestian in controversial circumstances at Lingsiad in May, disappointed on soft ground at Christer last time. He is just 2b worse in with Herodian than when three lengths in front of thim in Give Me A Ring's Ripon race (Lindf) previously. Herodian did better when dropped to seven furlongs at Haydook last time, dead-

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3	0-6	LAAZEM AFDOZ (1/4) (Sheiki Ahmed Al Maksburn) R Philips 9 0	9 ءوط
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7	000-000	PETROS PROE (13) (Mrs R A Marrell) M Botton 8 9R Cocks	
8	0-00	SLEPARES (41) (C Base) K Currentern-Brown & 9S White-	# 2
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NOTTINGHAM

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Britain put their trust in **Powell**

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD reports from Lae, Papua New Guinea

Daryl Powell will shoulder a double responsibility for Great Britain in their opening tour match at Mount Hagen tomorrow - as their captain and as the only player in the team

who has played here before.

The Keighley Cougars player-coach was only added to the squad as a late replacement for the injured Paul Newlove, specifically because of his vast experience at international lev-el. That depth of knowledge will be particularly valuable tomorrow when he leads a young and

relatively raw side.

The tourists will need frequent gulps of bottled oxygen on the touchline because of the dreadful planning that requires them to play a match at altitude without acclimatisation. "It is not ideal," Phil Larder, the coach, said, "but a lot of the players pre-

fer it to the heat at sea level." With the Test team to play PNG on Saturday to be announced after the game, the most revealing aspect of the line-up to play at Mount Hagen is that St Helens' Steve Prescott. outstanding in their title run and for England last season, plays at full-back. That makes Stuart Spruce of the Bradford Bulls the obvious choice for the Test.

Paul Sculthorpe, who celebrated his 19th birthday waiting for the flight connection at Port Moresby airport on Sunday, has been held back for a role in the Test, where he is likely to figure among the substitutes. The only player not fit enough to be considered for either match is Bernard Dwyer, who is suffering badly from blisters on his feet, exacerbated by training on a hard

ground in Singapore.
GREAT BRITAIN (v Pegua New Guinea President's XIII, Mount Hagen, tomorrow):
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No rewards for overtime

ice hockey

The Super League games between the Scottish Eagles and Basingstoke Bison, and Manchester Storm and Bracknell Bees, offered fans the thrills of extra time - but none of the sides could find a winning goal.

Ayr, who have yet to lose a game this season, led 2-1 only for Richard Little to tie the game with 10 minutes left. Avr dominated the 10 minutes of overtime, but the inspired form of the Bisons' goal tender, Richard Gallace, stopped the Eagles collecting the extra point.

Manchester Storm must have felt that they threw their game away. They twice led by three goals, only for Dale Junkin's short-handed goal to set up a Bracknell comeback that tied the game 5-5 with seven minutes

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TODAY'S NUMBER

Frank Warren's boxing stable yes terday. They are the American Don Steele (heavy), Tarick Salmac (super-middle) and Patrick Washington (welter), Merqui Sosa (light-heavy) and Santiago De Paula (cruiser) from the Dominican Republic, plus the light-heavy Luciano



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Eddery to ride Shaamit at Longchamp

Shaamit, the Derby winner, will be ridden by Pat Eddery in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp a week on Sun-

The jockey has been booked by Shaamit's trainer, Willie Haggas, following news that Dushyantor, Eddery's mount when runner-up in the Derby and St Leger, will not be trav-Eddery has been on the Arc Ascot in July Michael Hills, owner-breeder Oliver Lehane. elling to Longchamp.

Brave and Trempolino.

"Pat has ridden Shaamit before, which is a big advantage," Haggas said. "The colt is in very good form and Pat knows just what it takes to win an Arc." Eddery was in the saddle running the Irish St Leger win-when Shaamit finished third to ner in both the Arc and No-Pentire in the King George VI vember's Melbourne Cup. He

winner four times - with De- who was in the saddle at Epsom, troit, Rainbow Quest, Dancing was criticised after Shaamit was only fourth in the Irish Champion Stakes at the Curragh last Saturday. Hills will be on Pentire at Longchamp.

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BUT WILL IT HAVE LEGS?

UEFA CUP Gunners' new recruit has watching brief as Newcastle are the only English side not facing uphill task in second legs

A graduate of the global game

t is a measure of the insular-ity of the English game that then Arsène Wenger's name emerged as Arsenal's favoured candidate for their vacant man-

ager's job many supporters were asking: "Arsene who?" There is no such ignorance in Europe. When Coorge Weah was presented with the Fifa World Footballer of the Year award in Milan in January, he insisted Wenger take the stand with him. In front of football's glitterati, he then handed his award to Wenger, declaring: "Arsene Wenger made me not just the

player I am today, but also the Weah's tribute is echoed by Glenn Hoddle who said upon taking office as England coach: "If I had not gone to Monaco and worked with Arsène, I would not be here today. Working with him inspired me to go

into management." The 47-year-old Frenchman met the Arsenal players for the first time yesterday before flying to Cologne with them today. He will be an interested observer. rather than the manager, during tomorrow's Uefa Cup second round second leg tie with Borussia Mönchengladbach, in which Arsenal trail 3-2 after the first leg at Highbury. He will then return to Japan, for one last match as coach of Nagoya Grampus Eight. before formally taking over at

Highbury on Monday. Yesterday he was predictably diplomatic about his first impressions of the players, reiterating his weekend comments that Arsenal were not a club in crisis. "I talked to the players for a few minutes before training today and they seemed just, well. Milan. Weah has been linked

Glenn Moore says Arsenal's new manager will already

know all about his Highbury squad happy," he said. "It was very positive and we will talk much more when I come back next week. But

it is already clear to me they are strong and confident and enjoy being together at training.
"That is good because it is the things people do which matter not what is said. We are not lawyers, we are footballers, and

the most important thing is win-ning football matches. If you can do that there is no problem." Winning matches is not something Wenger has always been able to achieve. His first job in management, after an ordinary career as an amateur with a string of French club sides, had been unsuccessful, Nancy being relegated in his charge. However, Wenger, an economics graduate who is fluent in several languages including English, then

took over at Monaco in 1987. In his first season there he signed Hoddle and Mark Hatelev, and immediately led them to the French title following it with the French Cup and an appearance in the European Cup-Win-

ners Cup final. He also discovered Weah playing for Tonnerre Yaoundé in Cameroon. Weah was very raw but Wenger could see the potential. So dedicated was he to realising it that he even put the Liberian up in his own home. Weah subsequently moved on to Paris St-Germain, and is now at with a further move to Highbury, but while Wenger's arrival makes his signing less improbable than it was a couple of months ago, Wenger emphasised again yes-terday that he would be reluctant to pay the sort of fee that Weah

vould surely commant. "Sometimes you can pay too much for players when the ones you already have are high quality. Everyone here will have their chance to show me what

they can do," he said. While Weah, Hoddle and Hateley moved on, Wenger stayed at Monaco until two seasons ago, when they finished ninth despite having the talents of Jürgen Klinsmann, Belgium's Enzo Scifo and Youri Djorkaeff in the side. They also reached the s:mi-finals of the European Cup i:aving taken the disgraced Marseille's place - but after a bad start to the following season

Wenger was dismissed. He want to Japan where he lifted Na joya Grampus Eight from the pottom three into second place, won the domestic cup competition, and was voted J-League manager of the year. Although Grampus Eight have maintained their improvement, Wenger decided some months ago that he needed to return the the game's European heartland. He was interested by Hoddle's suggestion that he become the Football Assocation's technical director, but felt it was too soon

to move away from a hands-on coaching role That he will have at Highbury. The division of responsibility which so irked Bruce Rioch, with the manager coaching and the board conducting transfer ne-

gotiations, will be a familiar one

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Look and learn: Arsène Wenger watches Arsenal training at London Colney yesterday

to Wenger. It is widespread on

the continent. According to Hateley, he will be well aware of the task ahead. "He will have videos and dossiers on all Arsenal's players already," Hateley said. He will know their strengths and weaknesses and will have studied their matches for years.

On days off at Monaco he would fly to the other side of the world to watch a game, to see a player or tactic. I believe it is a brilliant appointment. I

can see Arsenal winning something inside his first year. The precedents, though, are

not good. It is not the first time

"He is a football alcoholic. that an established foreign moved on since then. Wenger coach has been appointed to run a big English club. Josef Venglos, the highly regarded

However, the game has

may be largely unknown here. but the influx of foreign players has opened football minds to Slovak coach, took over at Ascontinental ideas and there is ton Villa in 1990. He found less arrogance about the English English players difficult to deal game, notwithstanding the nawith, and was dismissed in less tional team's success in Euro 96. The time may be right for a for-

Swedes to bring best out of Villa

Aston Villa's manager, Brian Little, is determined that a year's hard work will not be thrown away by his side faltering against Helsinghorgs in today's return leg of their Uefa Cup first round tie.

He described his side's performance in the 1-1 draw in the first leg draw as "our poorest for 12 months", and said it prompted a team meeting in an effort to thrash out the problems. "A lot has gone into us getting to this position. We wanted so badly to play in this competition and to do well and we will try and re-

spond to that challenge," he said. Little's only selection poser concerns whether to play Ian Taylor or Tommy Johnson in place of the ineligible Sasa Curcic.

Newcastle United, in contrast to Villa, should gave a simple task in Sweden to finish off Halmstads after winning the first leg 4-0. The match gives David Batty a chance to supplant the memor of his tussle with his Blackburt's team-mate Graeme Le Saux in-Moscow. "It certainly wasn't the best night of my life, and I'd pre-

fer that people could forget about it," he said. Celtic continue to display their rediscovered power in the Scotland, but European competition is a different matter. Having ... lost 2-0 at home to Hamburg, they face a hard task in Germany

today to stay in the Uefa Cup. The Italian Paolo Di Canio. one of Celtic's influential additions, draws hope from the fate. of his former club, Milan, in the Uefa Cup last season. They took a 2-0 lead to Bordeaux and lost 3-0. "Anything is possible in football. If it can happen to Milan it can happen to Hamburg."

New goal for Boardman

Chris Boardman will be hoping that his impressive recent form continues into the forthcoming World Road Championships at Lugano in Switzerland next

Boardman has had a remarkable run of success since taking Olympic bronze in Atlanta - regaining the world pursuit title, destroying the world hour record and winning retiring at the end of the seathe classic Grand Prix des Na-

now ne represents Brigin s best chance of glory in Lugano - but he is not alone in being a

strong tip for honours. Max Sciandri, Britain's other cycling bronze medallist at the Games, will also be competing in Switzerland, where he will captain the road race

The national coach. Doug

Dailey, who will bow out after a decade at the top after these championships, revealed yesterday: "Sciandri has targeted this event.

"He lives only two hours' drive away from the course and he is still very competitive at this late stage of the season," Dailey added.

Great Britain's road race line-up is completed by Sean Yates - making his last international appearance before NH Faithful son - plus Jeremy Hunt, Matt Stephens, Simon Bray and Chris Newton

Newton. Women's road race: M Purvisi, (Isle of Man). M Hughes (Pomypridd), C Alexander (Epsorn, Surrey), M Lawreace (Lacester, 1 McGregor (Bradford), J De-ham (Hampton, Middlesex). Women's time trial: McGregor, Derham.

COMPLETE FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES FOR THE 1996 CRICKET SEASON ces top bowling award

than a year.

months ago, finished ahead of will claim underlines the England the pack by some distance - sup-selectors' mistake in leaving him porting the view of those who out of the A tour to Australia believe he is still England's best which starts in a month's time. batsman despite retiring from

launch his England career ouring this winter's tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

Graham Thorpe, Surrey's England batsman, earned £7,000 for coming second in the batting section. Chris Adams, of Derbyshire, won £5,000 in third place

The top four players in the bowling section - Gough, Croft, Alan Mullally and Andrew Caddick - are all on the senior tour

The Surrey captain. Alec Stewart, picked up £5,000 for being chosen as cricketer of the year by a four-man panel of Geoff Boycott, Alan Knott, John Lever and Ted Dexter. Ronnie Irani, as best all-rounder, and Jack Russell, as best wicketkeeper-bats-

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former England captain Gra-ham Gooch earning the same amount for the batting award. Gooch, who was 43 two -a position which his supporters

months ago. The 26-year-old Gough, who held off a stiff challenge from the

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I received a message that there was something wrong with the clutch. Alarm bells started to ring loudly in my head

hoped to allow everyone to rest easy by bringing the championship to a climax in Portugal on Sunday. Instead, I finished second to my Rothmans Villiams-Renault team-mate. we made sure that the excitement will run right to the end of what has turned

out to be a nail-biting 16-race season. For the best part of the weekend, it seemed things were going my way. I beat Jacques to pole position by just nine-thousandths of a second during a highly dramatic qualifying session and then made full use of that by making a good start at an absolutely crucial time. Once again, Jean Alc-si had made a blistering getaway but I managed to hold him back on the run to use first corner. Jacques, meanwhile, had been slow off the line

and he was down in fourth place. All I had to do was drive cleanly and pull away while I had a clear track.

My gap to Jacques was a healthy 13 seconds until I came across two back markers who were having their own battle, trying to overtake each other and totally oblivious to everyone else. They were swerving all over the road so hadly that it was impossible for me even to get close to them, never mind overtake. There was every chance that they would have knocked me off the road because they were not using their mirrors and had no idea I was there. That alone cost five seconds in one lap, a huge setback when you are working hard to gain every tenth of a second. There is little doubt that that loss would be very significant.

no doubt that he was going very quickly. He was really pushing hard in the knowledge that he had nothing to leve but I knew it would be very difficult for Jacques to overtake. It was a case of keeping my cool, even though he had closed in and was right on my tail. I thought then I would find out how much of a margin he had left and I pushed really hard for a couple of laps and opened the gap. That was reassuring because I knew I had the ability to pull away. At that point. I was not unduly concerned. Provided I didn't make any mistakes.

Just as I was about to make the last of three pit stops, I came across David Coulthard's McLaren limping ery significant. along with a puncture. This hap— I made my pit stop and, just as it meanwhile. Jacques had moved pened on the way into the very fast was about to finish, David came

I was in good shape.

West Ham at Goodison and the

Merseyside derby ugainst Liv-erpool at Anfield on 20 Octo-

Brown was typically philo-sophical about another possible

international call-off - Ferguson

missed Euro 96 to have surgery

what happens and I can't say

much more until we hear from

Everton." Brown said. "We

would love to have Duncan

available for Latvia and Esto-

nia as they are tricky away

games, but we also have Swe-

den coming here in November

and we want him fit for that one.

It would appear he has a prob-

lem so obviously it is better for

Brown will name his Scotland

selection on Thursday and the

Rangers striker Ally McCoist,

who partnered Ferguson in

Austria, could be another prob-

lem, depending on the extent of

him to get it cleared."

his current calf injury.

"We will have to wait and see



corner leading on to the pit straight. You need to use all the road at that point and I found the McLaren on the edge of the track. I had to back off in order to avoid hitting him and that cost some vital time.

our chief mechanic and the man with the "lollipop", had no option but to hold me at the very moment I needed to get going. Again, another sec-ond was lost. Jacques made his pit stop on the next lap and I was very surprised indeed when he came storming out of the pits and rejoined no more than 0.025sec in front of mc. I knew in that moment that he had probably clinched victory.

I tried hard to stay with him and

apply pressure but I wasn't able. He was too fast. And, of course, even if I could have given chase, I doubt whether I would have been able to overtake. After my disaster at Monza two weeks before, the right thing to do was think about the championship. Second place would keep the

trundling down the pit lane in his wounded McLaren. Carl Gaden, would have to do. Then even that suddenly became a luxury when I received a message

that there was something wrong with the chutch. Alarm bells started to ring loud-ly in my head. Under no circumstances could I afford to lose the six

points for second place. Having my lead cut to nine points was one thing; seeing it dwindle to three would be quite another, I couldn't work out what the problem might be. All they told me was that I had to go to a different switch position which changes the clutch strategy in the gear change. As it transpires, I was actually quite lucky to finish the race.

I felt very disappointed, particularly for the British supporters who had travelled to Estoril in large

numbers. The grandstand opposite the pits was full of fans who hoot-ed their borns and waved flags each time I appeared in the garage.
There was a fantastic turn-out all around the circuit and, sadly for them, I wasn't able to conclude the championship there and I presume

they won't be able to go to Japan. Although I only need to finish in the first six, I will tackle the race at Suzuka thinking only of what I need to do to win the championship. starting with qualifying ahead of everyone else and then control things from there. Believe me, I still want to win races and I hate the thought of finishing second-best. But I've got to think about the championship. I have waited a long time, so I can wait another three

Scotland set to lose Ferguson

Scotland could be without Duncan Ferguson for their World Cup double-header against Latvia and Estonia next month.

The Everton striker is facing exploratory surgery today on a knee injury which would rule him out of Everton's Coca-Cola Cup return against York

And, depending on the di-agnosis, the Scotland manager Craig Brown could lose Ferguson for the games against Latvia on 5 October and Estonia four

Ferguson has been troubled for some time with a knee a two-match suspension for his problem and Everton are letting him have keyhole surgery tomorrow to assess the damage. "It is not a serious problem but Duncan has been playing

Cambridge United was put up

aleby its directors vester-

chairman, Reg Smart, said a

fresh injection of cash was need-

ed to enable the club to grow.

en everything we can to the club

now feel that a fresh injection of

funds and individuals on the

hoard will give the club the boost

over recent years. The said. "We

"Mycolleagues and I have giv-

The Third Division club's

with this for the past few weeks," the Everton manager, Joe Royle, said. "He will have investigative surgery on his knee to see how had it is and we will take it from there."

Ferguson could miss Saturday's match with Sheffield Wednesday as well as the York on a groin injury. fixture, and would then be extremely doubtful for the Scotland double-header.

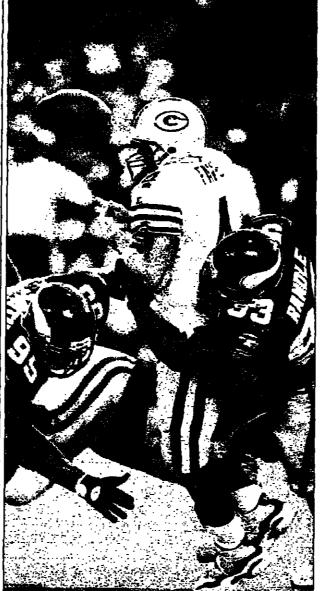
The 24-year-old striker ended a 20-month exile from international [ootbal] Scotland's goalless draw with Austria in Vienna last month, when he won his sixth cap and collected a yellow card.

Ferguson is expected to land red card against Blackburn on Saturday from 12 October, leaving him almost four weeks to recover from surgery if needs be.

He could miss games against Cambridge for sale

Rangers could be playing to more than 15,000 empty seats gates of just over 2,000 and is believed to be losing more than in tomorrow's Champions' League match against Auxerre £1,000 a day. The time has come to find out if there is anyin Glasgow. Only 30,000 tickets have been sold for the Ibrox fixone out there who can make the ture, as Rangers look to recovright kind of financial commiter from their dismal 3-0 opening game defeat at Grasshopper Zurich. ment. We are interested in hearing from anyone with the

> The Scottish champions exnect attendances for their three home games to be similar to last season, even though the capacity at Ibrox has gone up and nrices are down.



Brett Favre, the Green Bay quarterback, fumbles the ball as he is hit by Minnesota's Fernando Smith (left) and John Randle Photograph: Jonathan Daniel/Allsport

Hot favourites all catch sudden cold

American football MATT TENCH

While the pundits in America prophesised a variety of Super Bowl winners before the season started, there was virtual unanimity as to who would win the three divisions in the National Football Conference. Dallas, Green Bay and San Francisco, it was felt, were all but certainties to retain their

Despite Dallas' faltering start, little occurred in the early skirmishing to revise those predictions, but Sunday's remarkable set of results saw all three beaten, and provided further evidence that we may be in for a compellingly combustible campaign.

Perhaps the biggest surprise came in Minnesota, where the Vikings beat the Packers 30-21. In storming to a 3-0 start the Pack had crushed all opponen

added to the list of hapless vic-True, the unfancied and un-

fashionable Vikes were also unbeaten, but their victories were less convincing and most of the news surrounding the team had focused on the scandal involving their head coach, Dennis Green, and a woman who claimed he had paid her to have an abortion.

That may change after a thrilling encounter in which the Vikings trailed 17-14 in the fourth quarter. The gamebreaking touchdown came able to beat a a back-up playfrom Robert Smith's 37-yard run, but just as important was the pressure Minnesota exerted on Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre, who was sacked seven times.

The 49ers might have been expected to take full advantage of a Pack set-back, but after two

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with sufficent élan to suggest that the Vikings could only be find they had left their art in San Francisco. They succumbed 23-7 to a team that has only been in the league 13 months, but is now the clear leader of the NFC West. Carolina even managed without their starting quarterback, Steve Beuerlein replacing the injured Kerry Collins. Beuerlein produced a near-flawless first half, orchestrating scoring drives on the first three possessions, against what has been regarded as the game's best de-

> The Cowboys, too, were uner-caller when they travelled to Buffalo. The obscure Todd Collins guided the Bills into the lead in the first quarter, and then watched as his team's defense humilated the Dallas superstars. Troy Aikman was intercepted three times, while Emmitt Smith held to 25 yards as the Super Bowl champions were beaten 10-7. Given the lynch-mob mentality of sports followers in Texas, this lastest defeat - the third in four games - is bound to heighten the vilification of Barry Switzer, the Cowboys' head coach.

Switzer received the gridiron equivilent of the chairman's vote of confidence last week. with owner Jerry Jones dethan he was when he got here three years ago. I think of Barry Switzer coaching the Cowboys 10 years from now" We shall see...

The club is struggling on

it needs to develop."

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United fans have seen their side rise from the Southern

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Cycling
Noole Minel, of Italy, wor the 16th stage
of the Tour of Spain yesterday while Alex
Zille of the ONCE team continued to hold the overall race. Minali, riding for the Gwerse-Playbus team, won the 221km (137 miles) leg between the northern towns of Logodio and Sabinango in a time of 5 hours, 34 minutes and 38 seconds.

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Fred Funk captured the rain shortened B C Open with a birdle on the first hole of a sudden death play off with Pete Jorrian in Endicort. New York vesterday Funk nearly holed his 7 iron approach shot before winning with a tap in birdle

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ened Brickyard Crossing Championship in Indianapolis, Powell, 61, is just two years younger than Mike Fetchick was when he won the 1935 Hilton Head Se-

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ice hockey

Derek Ringer yesterday announced he is to end his long-time partnership with Colin McRae and bring to an end one of the most successful double acts in world rally driving. Ringer has been co-

driver to 1995 World Rally champion McRae for nine years but feels that the time is right for him to move on at the end of this year. The 555 Subaru World Rally team will announce a new part-ner for McRae in the near future. ner for McRae in the near future.

The Frenchman Didier Auriol, the 1994 world charryoin, will drive a Mitsubish in the San Remo Relly next month to boost the Japanese car maker's chances to win the constructors title. Auriol, 38, has been without a car since the International Automobile Federation banned his Toyota team for breaking world championstup fules last

Rugby Union

Bristol's Anglo-Welsh Cup match against Pontypridd tonight and Leices-ter's match against Bridgend at Welford Road tornorrow have been postponed because the Welsh League leaders have not enough first-choice players avail-able. The embarrassed Welsh Cub have apologised to the clubs, blaming inuries, unavailability and suspensions

breaking world championship rules last.

rugby league back row forward from Leeds, for an undisclosed fee. The 26-

Switzeming
Tarras Gyarfas has been re-elected head of the Hungarian Swimming Federation promising frauds such as the "phantom" qualifying meet will never be repeated. Gyarfas had resigned his position after allegations that half of Hungary's Olympic swimming team competed in Atlanta on the bess of a qualifying meet which never took place, insisting he had no previous knowledge of the affair.

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Mentilla (Sp.) 1,578; 17 C Proline (Fr.) 1,557; 18 A Berässtegu (Sp.) 1,478; 19 S Erberg (Swe) 1,449; 20 M Philippoussis (Aus.) 1,448.

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Motor Racing

DERICK ALLSOP

at the hands of his Williams-Renault team-mate, Jacques Vil-leneuve, in the Portuguese amounts to a questionnaire Grand Prix in Estoril has forced

him to revise his strategy.

Although he remains clear Damon Hill will sift through sealed bids for his services this week and decide where to pick favourite for the title, Hill is conscious one false move in the fiup his Formula One career nal race, in Japan in two weeks' next season. It is thought Ligitime, could ruin everything. Without the No 1 to carry on a car, he would not present such an attractive proposition and must feel he cannot afford the termining his future, but defeat risk of having offers withdrawn.

amounts to a questionnaire compiled by Hill and his repre-sentatives. They are required not only to state the financial terms for a two-year contract but also

to provide information about working budgets, facilities, tech-nical potential and team plans. Hill, discarded by Williams and evidently shunned by the other "first division" teams, Ferrari, Benetton-Renault and McLaren-Mercedes, is resigned

to relegation, with Jordan and since a direct route to Benetton Stewart known to be keen to

Both, however, suspect rivalry from Ligier, the French-based team owned by Flavio Briatore, who happens also to be the boss of Benetton. The prospect of being "in house" might entice Hill. He would be conveniently on hand should a vacancy sud-denly appear at Benetton during next season or, at the lat-

Jordan, the front-runners

was blocked by Jean Alesi, fear they may not be able to match the retainers offered by the other teams. A ball park figure of \$3m (£2m) a year has been

Hill accelerates search for new seat

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Another factor Hill will doubtless consider is that his team-mate at Jordan would be Raif Schumacher, the younger brother of Michael. The older Schumacher was hugely amused at the thought of partnering Hill

paced by Ralf, it would be too embarrassing to bear. But then Hill must confront

that sort of possibility wherever he goes, even at Stewart, portrayed by some as a safe haven because, as a new team, they will be given time to develop. Hill maintains he is undaunted in any company and, until Sunday, appeared to have the measure

This race left us with a different perspective and Hill's demise met with scant sympa-

thy from his bosses at Williams, who must feel his lack of pace vindicates their decision to unload him. By Hill's admission,

he was simply not quick enough. Fortunately for him, he requires no more than a point at Suzuka, and that only if Villeneuve wins. All Hill asks is to be given a trouble-free run. Patrick Head, Williams' technical director, acknowledges the pressure is on the team to provide both drivers with reli-able equipment.

Hill could, of course, con-clude proceedings to his own and vantage by driving Villeneuv off the road. It would, after a not be the first time the char pionship has been decided in Head said: "I can't imagin Damon doing that I would never question his sportsmanship. It wouldn't happen. It's not the style of the man. I expect Damon to win it fair and

Damon's drive, page 2



Final preparations at Jenner Park, the home of Barry Town, before tonight's Uefa Cup tie against Aberdeen

Barry take next step on road to Barcelona

al in that its title commemorates a 6-0 thrashing, sustained in the club's first European adventure. In the build-up to the latest episode, which brings Aberdeen to Jenner Park tonight, the League of Wales champions not only refuse to contemplate

failure but are waxing miracle. Trailing 3-1 from the first leg, Barry are rated at 18-1 in the town's bookmakers to win 2-0 and reach the second round of the Uefa Cup by virtue of the away goal. Their ebullient English manager, Gary Barnett, is not a gambling man. Nor, as befits one who enjoyed a modest career as a winger with Coventry, Oxford, Fulham and Huddersfield, is he given to bravado. But he says it

looks "worth a flutter" to him. Richard Jones, scorer of what might prove a crucial goal at Pittodrie, shares Barnett's buzz of anticipation. His mother has

that the tape has "gone all wobbly", but Jones and his colleagues sat through a screening of the match on Friday and he sees "no reason" why Aberdeen

should not be beaten. To put Barry's confidence into context, their victory over a Latvian side in the qualifying round was the first in Europe by a League of Wales outfit. In the preliminary round - and this is the bit that must be nagging away at the Scots - they overturned a 3-1 deficit against Hungarian opposition before

progressing on penalties. For a town of 40,000 inhabitants, which is still suffering conspicuously from the recession, the impact has been re-markable. Near the seafront numerous shops and even chapels are boarded up. Barry Island Holiday Centre, all flaking paint and rusting metal, gives a

The Barry Town fanzine, 38 played and rewound the video Phil Shaw visits the League of Wales Would substitute human," he reasons. "They yesterday took one look at refclub hoping to shock the Dons tonight

> new meaning to the expression "last resort". Jenner Park, however, is an oasis of optimism.

All morning, callers come to pick up some of the few remaining tickets. Capacity at this council-funded mini-Meadowbank is normally 2,500, with spectators housed in two identical new cantilever stands. For tonight's game, 4,000 temporary seats have been installed. (Aberdeen, incidentally, were allocated 666 tickets but sent one back because of the satanic

connotations of that number.) A shabby reception area, where a table piled up with yellow-and-blue replica shirts and rosettes passes for a club shop, gives no clue as to the hive of industry within. Builders work to finish both the players' lounge and directors' suite. Sprinklers

bombard a near-pristine pitch, forcing the players to train in a

nearby park before returning to shower and head out to local schools as part of the Football in the Community campaign.

The rebuilding of Barry was begun by Neil O'Halloran, a businessman who had played for

Cardiff City and Newport County in the 1950s. Since his death nearly a year ago it has been carried on by his wife, Paula, with whom Barnett regularly discusses tactics and systems. "She's very knowledgeable," he says, comparing her more than favourably with the chairman of Oxford when he was there, one Robert Maxwell.

Mrs O'Halloran is so handson that she even does the team's laundry. Nevertheless, at a time when the myriad detractors of the name of its inaugural sponsors, Konica, she saw a supposedly shambolic collection of village

The long-term goal is to try to progress further each year, says Barnett, who is approaching his first anniversary at Bar-"People ask where the satisfaction is in winning our Barnett certainly believes league year after year. Well, next season Uefa is considering putting all the champions in a qualifying group for the Champ-ions' League so we could end up against Manchester United, Ju-

sides as a route into Europe.

wouldn't be at all boring." Jones the goal, who became Barry's first full-timer when he signed from Swansea three years ago, maintains that the chairman's "vision and ambition" has attracted a squad capable of further progress in the Uefa Cup. "Aberdeen are only

ventus and Barcelona, which

hurt us at their place."

His only reservation is that in the previous round, Aberdeen won 4-1 at Zalgiris Vilnius, the very side immortalised in Barry's fanzine. There again, the Lithuanians almost turned the tables in the second leg, so an early home goal could well throw Roy Aitken's team into turmoil.

everything is in place for another upset. They have studied the video and formulated their tactics. They will be at full strength, having been allowed to cancel Saturday's game against Rhyl and will be backed by a full house. Moreover, Barry's Welsh players trounced their English counterparts at five-a-side yesterday, although Welshmen seeking omens ought to be aware that any self-respecting Scot will have shared their satisfaction at such an outcome.

Lee makes approach to Dalglish

Football

ALAN NIXON AND NICK DUXBURY

Francis Lee, the Manchester City chairman who has seen his rudderless club embarrassingly rejected by George Graham and Dave Bassett, has approached Kenny Daiglish about coming aboard as a consultant.

Lee has made contact through a middle man offering Dalglish a return to football at the First Division club who have been without a manager

since Alan Ball's exit in August. Lee hopes that Dalglish will consider working beside City's caretaker-manager, Asa Hartford, as a way back into the game after his sudden departure from Blackburn Rovers, where

he was director of football. Dalglish is a close friend of Hartford, whom he took to Ewood Park as reserve team coach, and he may be interested in helping out without the full responsibility of being the manager even though just such an arrangement at Blackburn

proved not to be a success. The Football Association into his treatment at the hands of Gary Poole and suspended the Birmingham City full-back

with immediate effect. The 29-year-old Poole ushed Poulain from behind after he had awarded Manchester City a last-minute penalty at Maine Road on Saturday. Poulain required treatment and indicated that he would be reporting Poole, who was sent off,

"Richard Poulain faxed a report to us this morning," Steve Double, the FA spokesman

said. "Gary Poole has been charged with misconduct and has been placed under instant suspension. In the situation where a player is alleged to have assaulted a match official it within our powers to order the offender not to participate in any footballing activity until a

commission of inquiry is heard."
Poole's case will be held at the FA's Lancaster Gate headquarters on 7 October and City manager Trevor Francis has asked for a personal hearing The defender faces a lengthy suspension in addition to in ing Birmingham's Coca-Cola Cup second round, second leg-tie at Coventry City today and Saturday's home game with

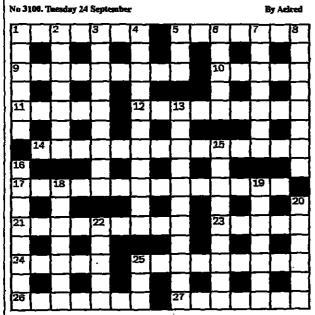
Queen's Park Rangers. When Chelsea's Frank Sinclair, then on loan at West Bromwich Albion, was found guilty of butting referee Paul Al-cock in 1991, he was suspened

for nine matches. Carlton Palmer has escape being fined by the Leeds United manager, George Graham for being sent off against News castle. Palmer was ordered off for his second bookable offence, with the Leeds crowder blaming Alan Shearer for com-

Graham refused to be drawn into the debate over Shearer, but said: "I won't be fining Carlton, I have a club disciplinary system that if a player is booked for dissent or something like that he will be fined. You have to be very careful if you start fining players for cards dished out for other reasons."

Robbie Mustoe's shoulder is not broken as was first feared and the Middlesbrough midfielder, who was injured against Arsenal on Saturday, should be playing again by next week.

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Carling welcomed back into the England fold

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Will Carling is back in the England squad, all is right with the rugby world - well almost. All that remains now on the troubled England front is to name his successor as captain. The favourites are the Bath centre Phil de Glanville and the Wasps flanker Lawrence Dallaglio, both of whom captain their club.

The restoration of two members of the old order in the persons of Carling and his centre partner, Jeremy Guscott, sug-gests that normal service may be resumed shortly in England's crowded international pro-gramme, which begins against Italy on 23 November and may yet see Australia added to it either on 2 or 16 November.

Not only has the coach, Jack Rowell, drafted Carling and Guscott into a squad that has expanded from 43 to 45, but he can also expect to see them at Bisham Abbey tomorrow for a training session because the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, who represent the 24 members of the top two divisions, has announced that players will be released for the session. The players - with the exception of the Coventry prop Robin Hardwick - boycotted

the first get-together, while the Rugby Football Union cancelled the second to avoid a confrontation and a potentially

embarrassing climbdown. "We had originally left some famous names out who could. subject to form and fitness, return, and Will and Jerry are big names." Rowell said. "They are outstanding attacking players and they have been very fresh and positive when they have played this season. They've done a lot over the years and it was up to them to show they still want it. They've certainly done that." Carling, who retired after leading England for 59 of his 66

international appearances, believes he still has something to offer at Test level and he echoed Rowell's words. "England are prepared to adopt the Southern Hemisphere attitude that age does not matter. I am not again putting young players in a Test team, but they have to earn their places by right," he said.

"I have heard that some people believe I am not interested in playing for England again. I find that insulting. I still have a great desire to play for my country."

A relieved Rowell now has

two months to prepare for Italy and he said: "We've got to press on. England have a very important mini-season, as it were, in the autumn and we

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have to get our arms around it. There's been enough delay." out in the cold, including the talismanic figure of the Leicester captain and No 8, Dean Richards, and his club colleague Rory Underwood, to-gether with the Bath quartet of Jon Callard, Graham Dawe, Andy Robinson and Victor

Ubogu. "We've spoken to them," Rowell said, "and it's quite simple. They are all class players. If they are showing the fitness and freshness and the form then there is no reason why they shouldn't get in. It's up to them. The flanker Hemi Taylor has a shoulder injury and has withdrawn from the Wales team to play France at Cardiff Arms Park tomorrow. He is replaced

by Ebbw Vale's Kingsley Jones. BY LEADY TRANSMED SQUARLY, Pull-beston: M Cest (Both), M Bean (Morthamptorn), T Stimpson (Newcastle), Minger J Steighindows, A Adobayo (Noth Bath), J Maylor (North), T Underwood (Newcastle), D Lugler (Haidquard), Centress W Carleigh (Haidquard), P de Glasmille, J Respect (Noth Both), W Greenwood (Liscoster), M Greenwood, Marylor, B Charley (Maspa), A Bryth (Newcastle), Stand-offic P Grayeon (Northampton), A Ming (Maspa), P Charley (Harvapard), Stand-office, P Grayeon (Northampton), K Bracketon (Sard-offed), A Gomestand (Maspa), A Membry (Laborstor).

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